



Personalised Management in cervical pathology

Why and Who needs it? ...



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Landmarks in Cervical Cancer Prevention

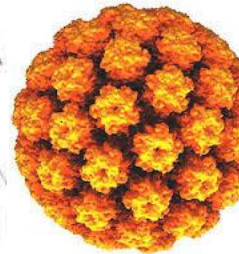
Success story...



Pap smear



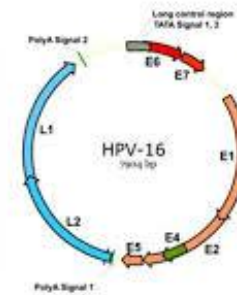
Colposcopy



HPV test



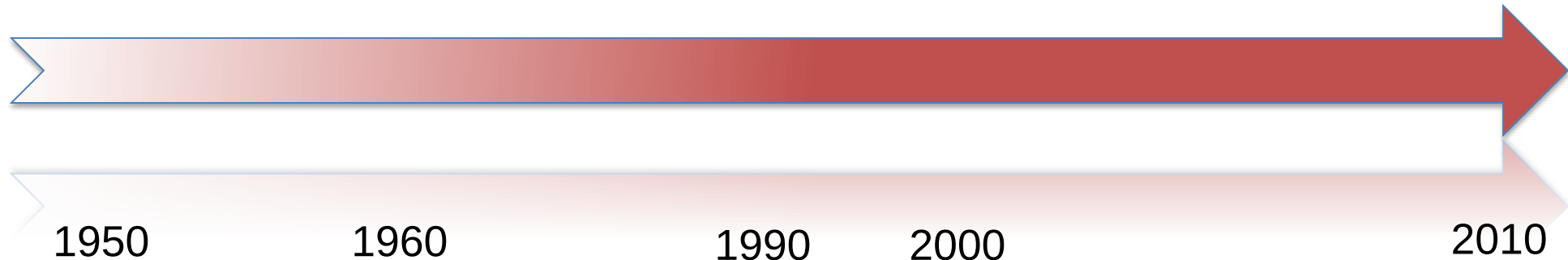
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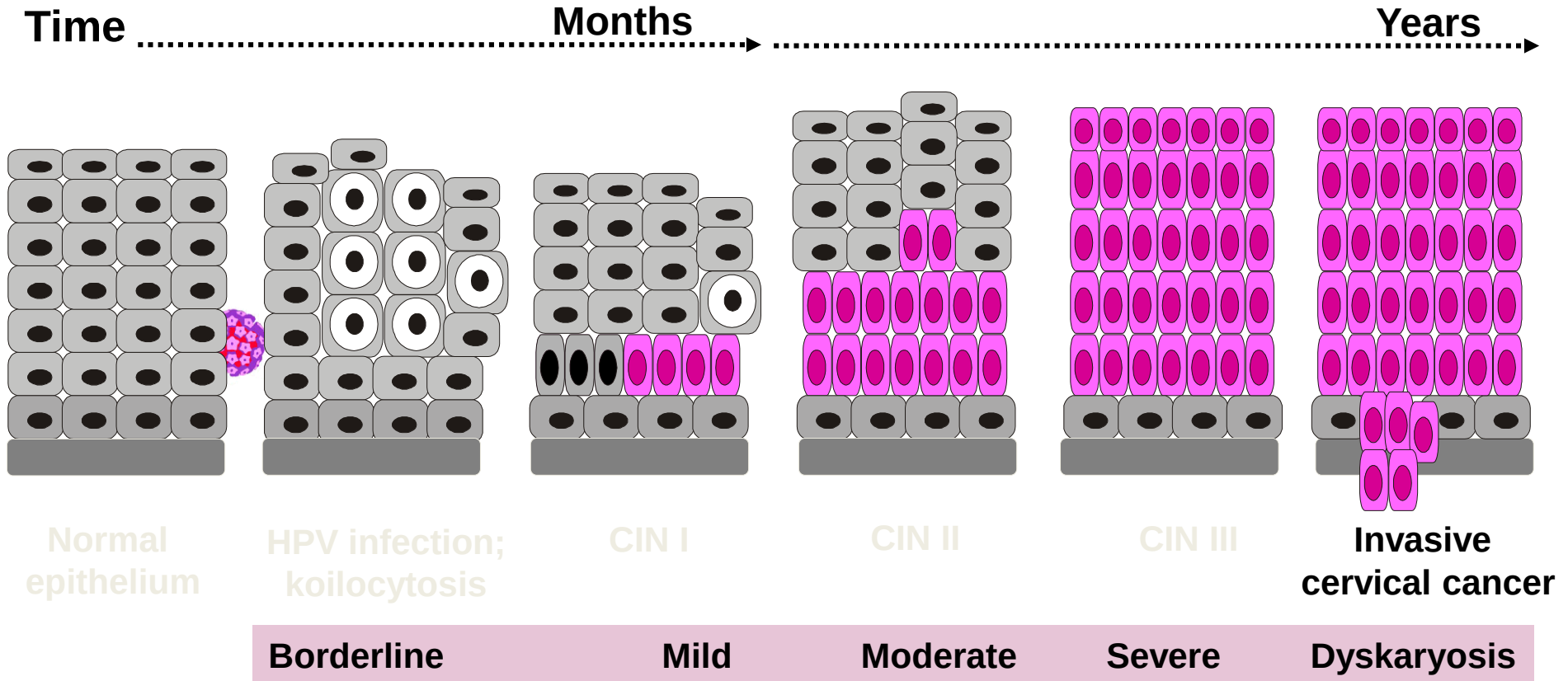
Biomarkers



Vaccine

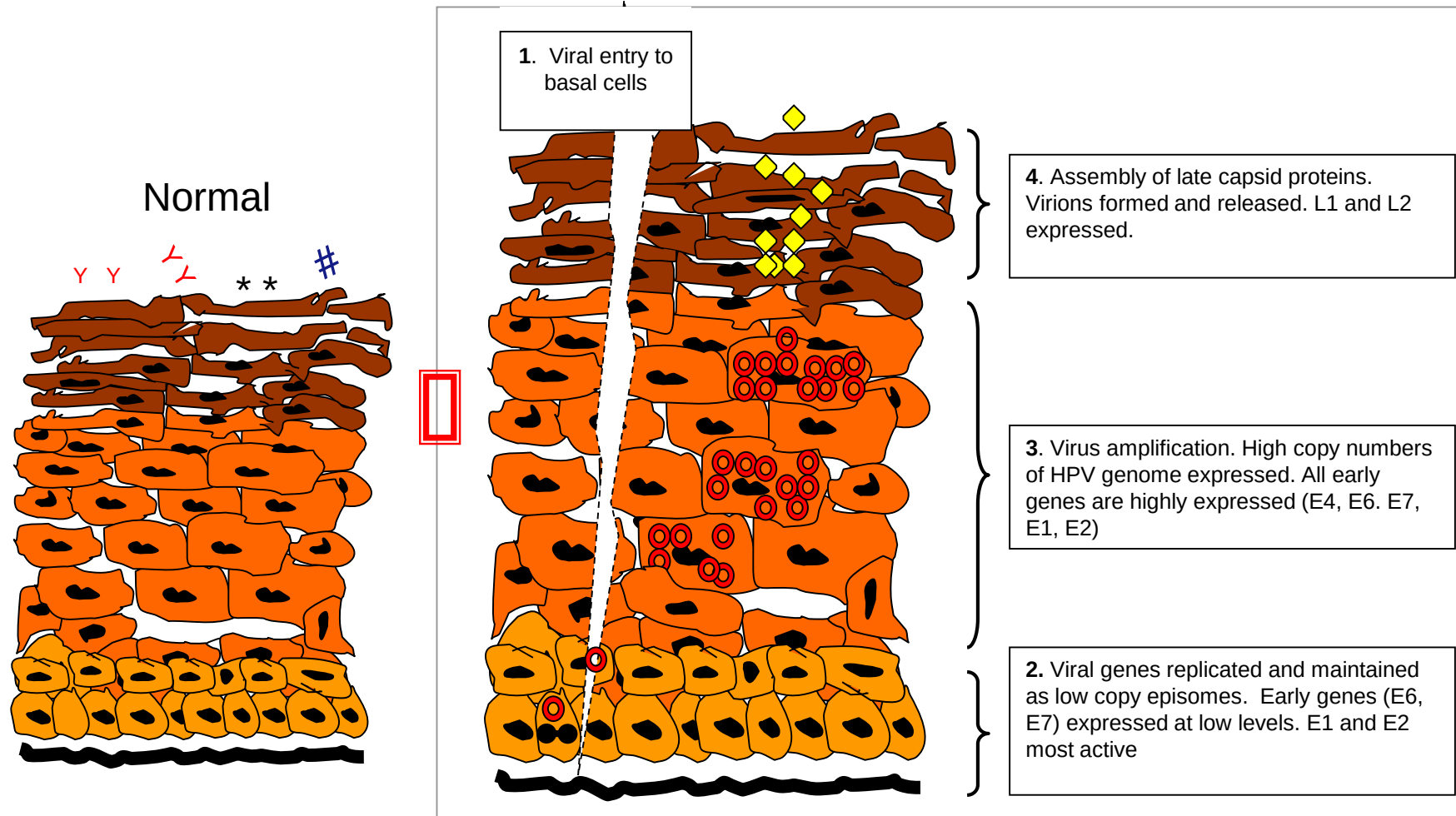


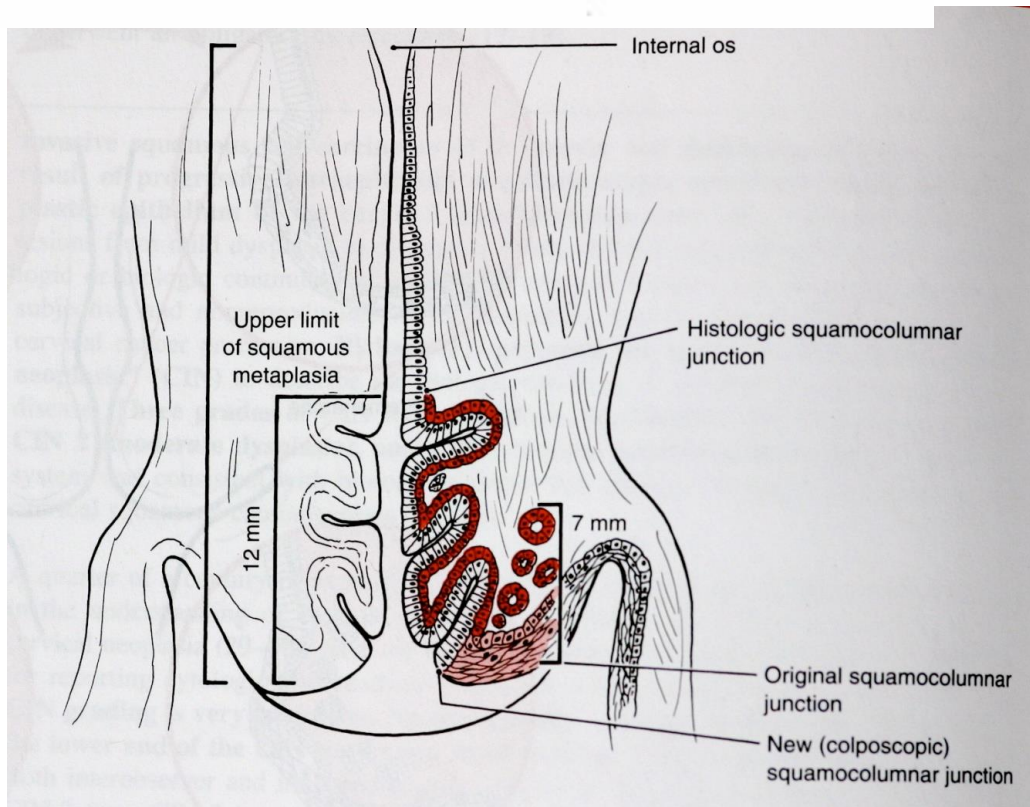
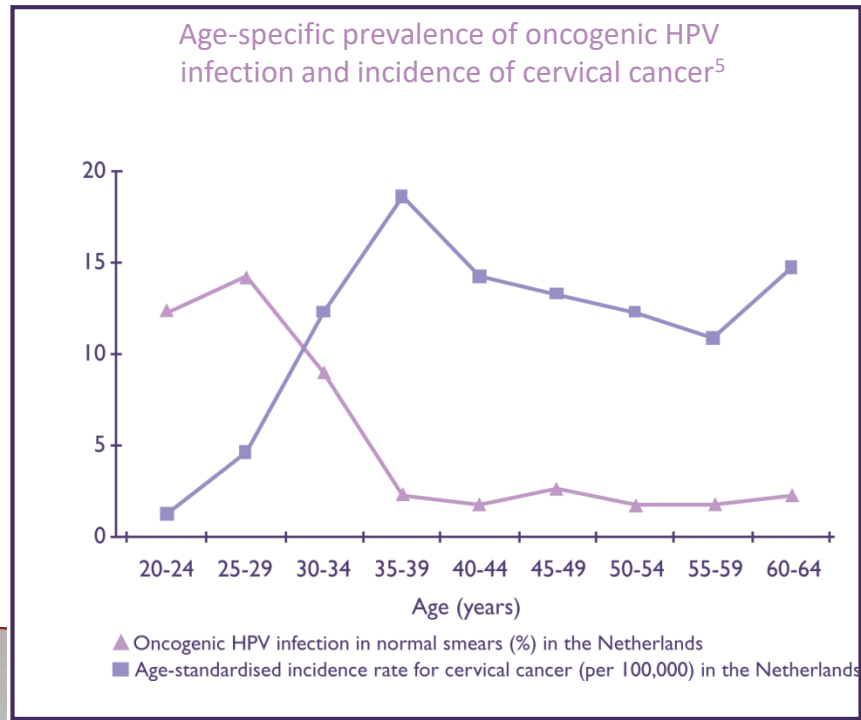
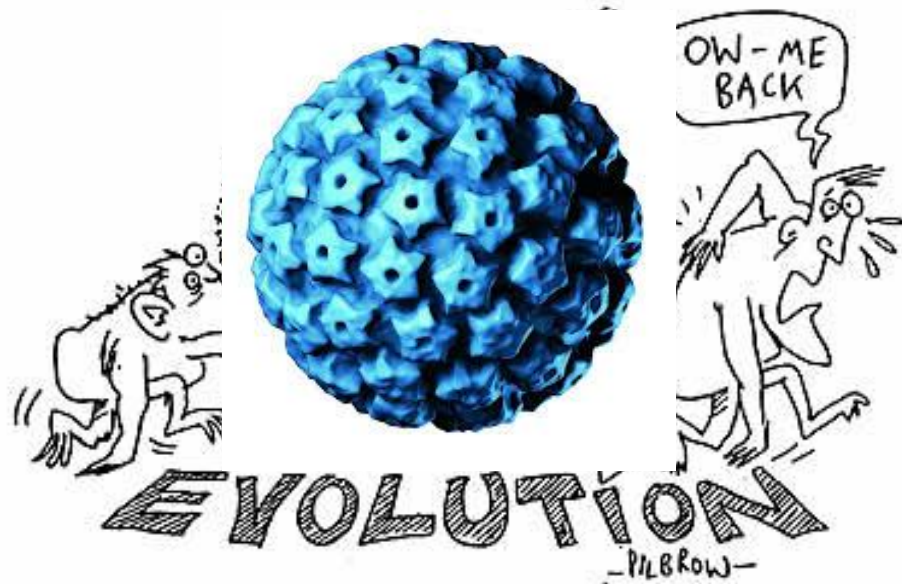
Disease progression



CIN I 57% CIN II 43% CIN III 32%
Approx. likelihood of regression

HPV life cycle





Cervical cancer is a rare complication of a common HPV infection of the cervix

What are the challenges in cervical pathology?...

Characteristics of the population

These women are commonly young...

The impact on future pregnancies is important...



Personalise
management



Improve
efficacy of
treatment

Choose right
Tx for right
woman

Reduce
morbidity



Explosion of new HPV biomarkers

Why is personalised Mx needed...?

When and who....?

- Effectiveness of screening has reached plateau...

Peto Lancet 2004

- Cytology and Colposcopy have limitations...

Cuzick IJC 2006

- We need to identify

- **infections** that have **a true** progressive potential...

- which of those with **abnormal cytology** have clinically significant lesions...

- which women would benefit from **treatment** to minimise morbidity...

Kyrgiou Lancet 2006; Kyrgiou BMJ 2014; Kyrgiou BMJ 2012

- We need to reduce cost & anxiety for clinically insignificant lesions...

Tombola BMJ 2009

We need to personalise care...

Why such a big need to personalise?

Better Accuracy means...

better diagnosis

better prevention

less cancer....

Better Accuracy means...

Less over-intervention

Less over-treatment

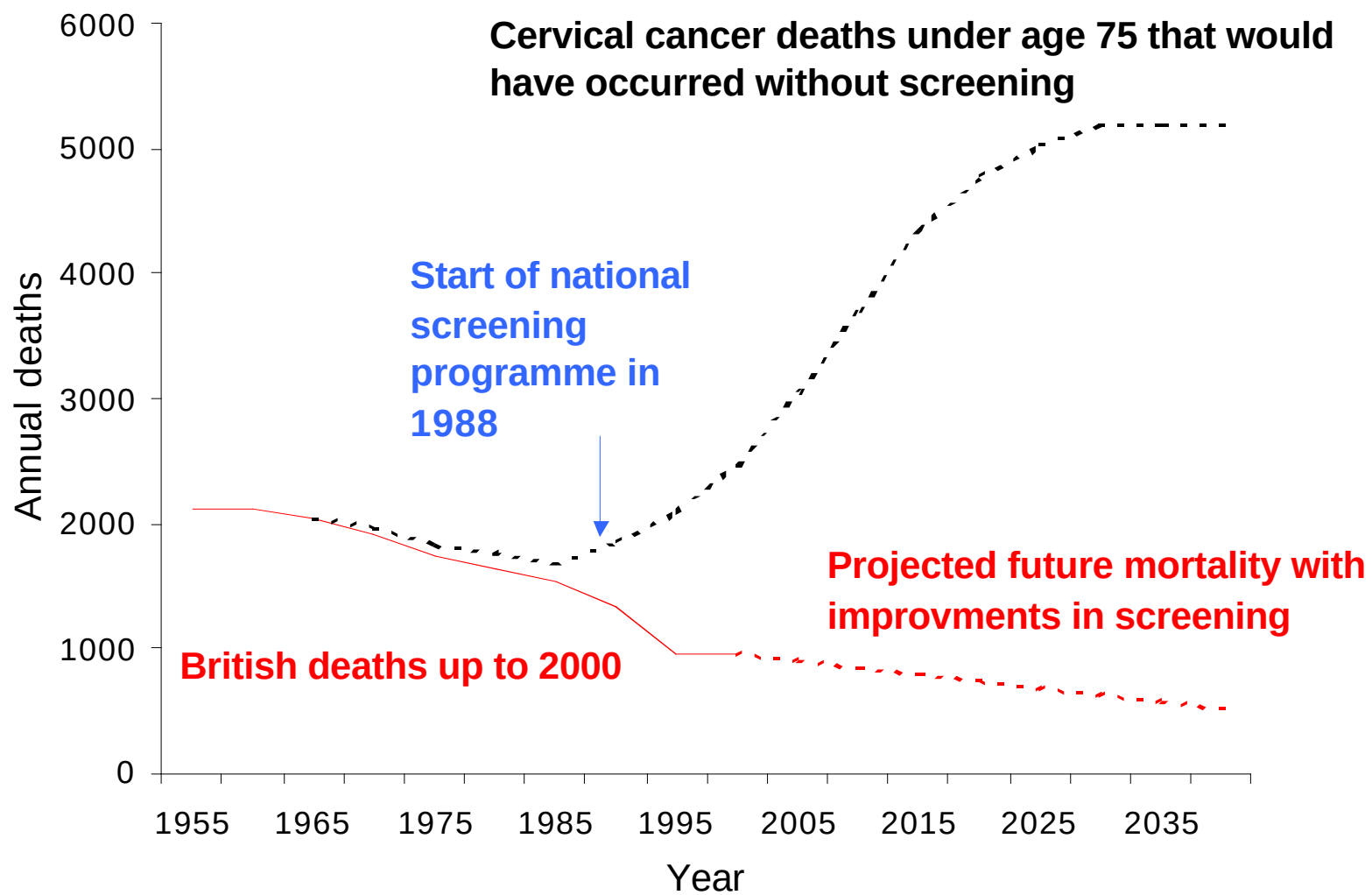
Less morbidity....

Service...

Triage means
selection of those that **DO**
need colposcopy

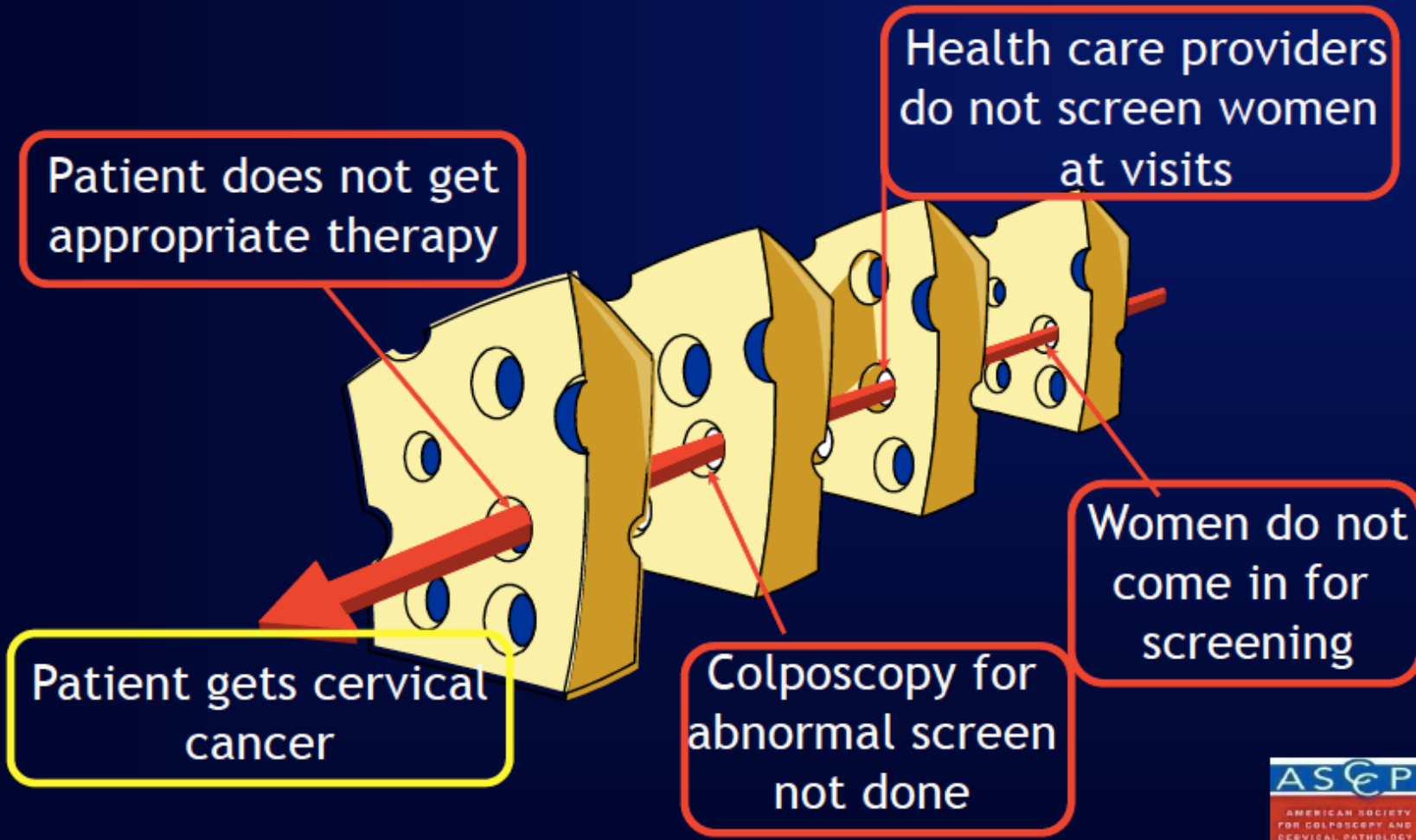


Reduction in British cervical cancer mortality due to screening



Peto Lancet 2004

System Failures Leading to Cervical Cancer Diagnosis



Limitations of Cytology

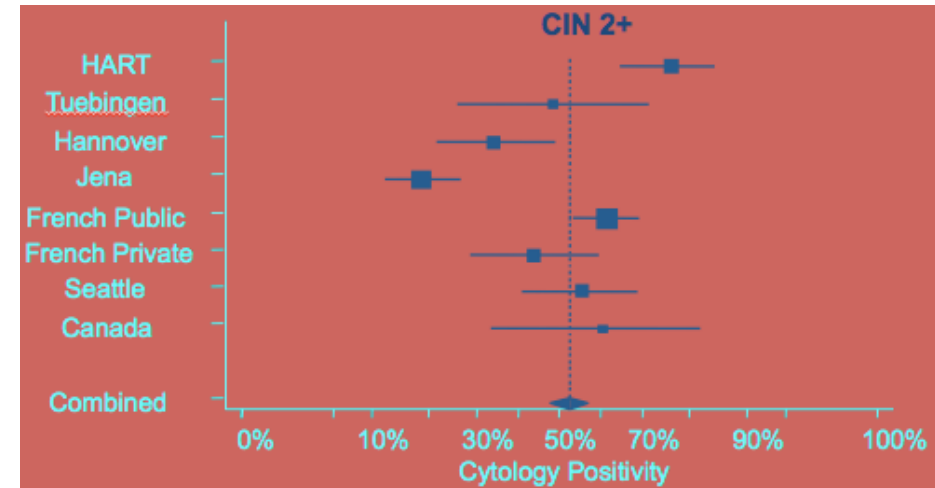
- False negative results ~ 20-25% (10-80%)
- Failure to detect a significant number of invasive Cx Ca (33-47%)
- Subjectivity (variations in evaluation among cytopathologists)

Sasieni 1996 & Ferriman A 2001

Stoler 2001

Cytology Sensitivity - CIN2+ (all ages)

Cuzick Int J Cancer 2006



Proportion of women with Cx Ca who had FN smears 0-6y prior to diagnosis

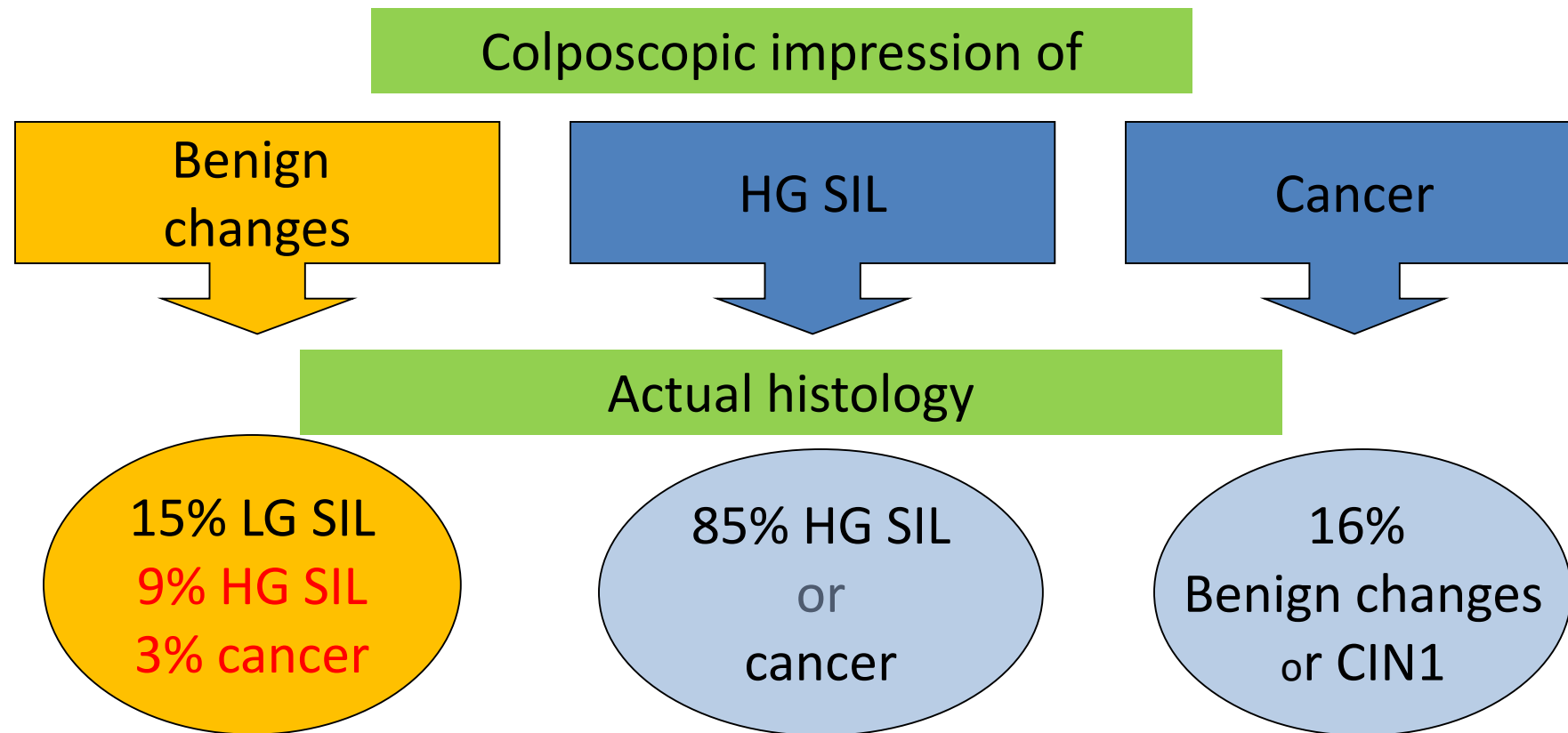
Region	Study	FN smears (%)
Scandinavia	Rylander 1976	44.8
Scandinavia	Stenkvis 1996	20.0
UK	Walker 1983	23.1
UK	Choyce 1990	54.5
UK	Sasieni 1996	26.7
USA	Brown 1982	36.6
USA	Berkowitz 1979	55.5
USA	Sung 2000	28.0
USA	Leyden 2005	32.0

Spence et al Prev Med 2007

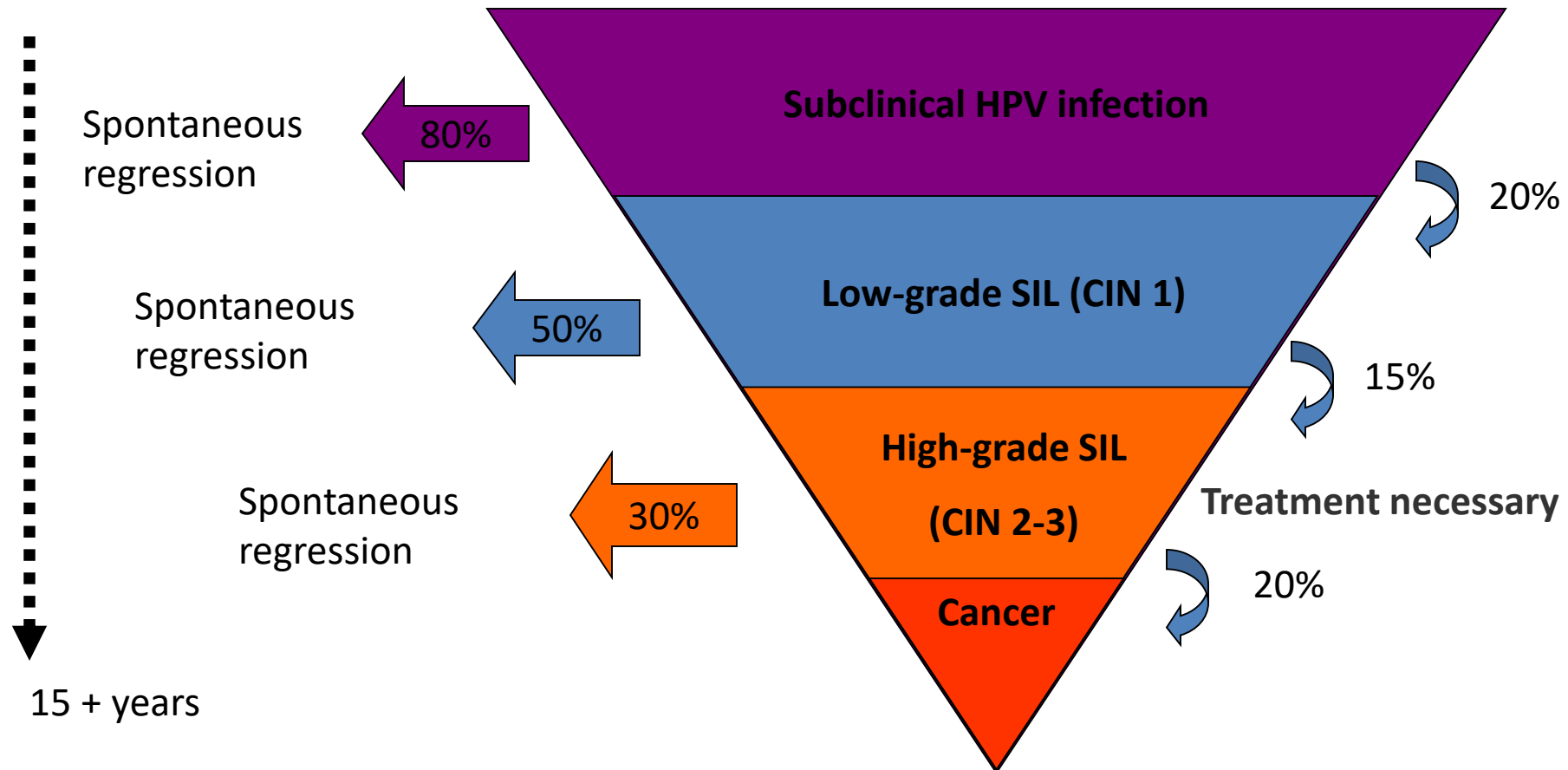
Accuracy of Colposcopy

- 84,244 pts
- Accuracy of colposcopy improved as severity increased

Benedet Gynecol Oncol 2004



Natural History of HPV infection



*The number of cases (USA data) and percentages in each disease category are estimates.

Cervical Cancer & Reproductive Morbidity

Imperial College
London



Gestation (Weeks)



12

24

28

34

37

M Kyrgiou et al. 2014

M Kyrgiou et al. 2015

BMJ



(in press)

M Arbyn, M Kyrgiou et al. 2008

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Adverse obstetric outcomes after local treatment for cervical preinvasive and early invasive disease according to cone depth: systematic review and meta-analysis

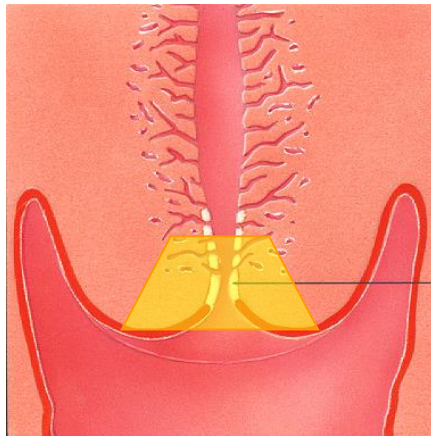
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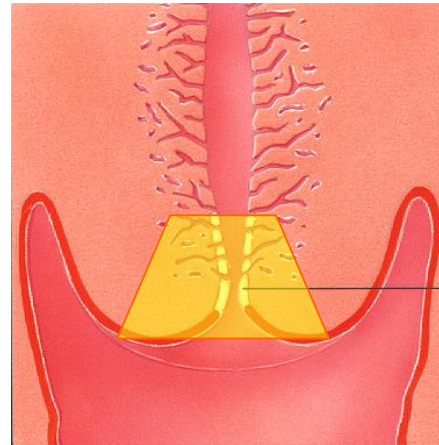
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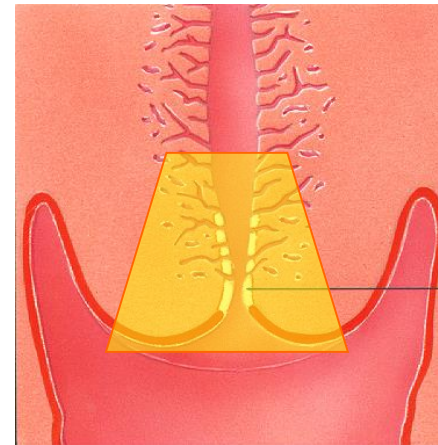
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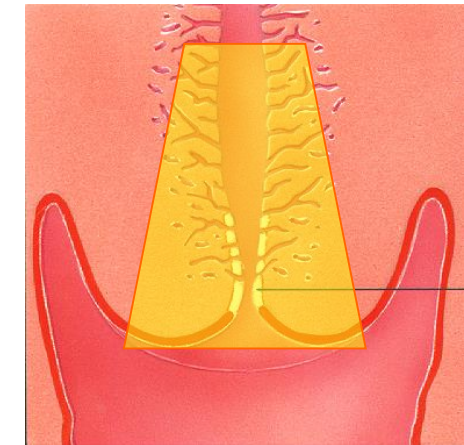
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>20mm

4.91 [2.06, 11.68]



The treatment effect increased with increasing Tx cone length/volume...

Psychological Morbidity



- TOMBOLA study
(Trial of Management of Borderline & Other Low grade Abnormal Smears)
- women with LG smears report **anxiety levels** similar to those found by other studies in women with HG smears when referred to colposcopy
- **Young** women suffered more anxiety compared to older women

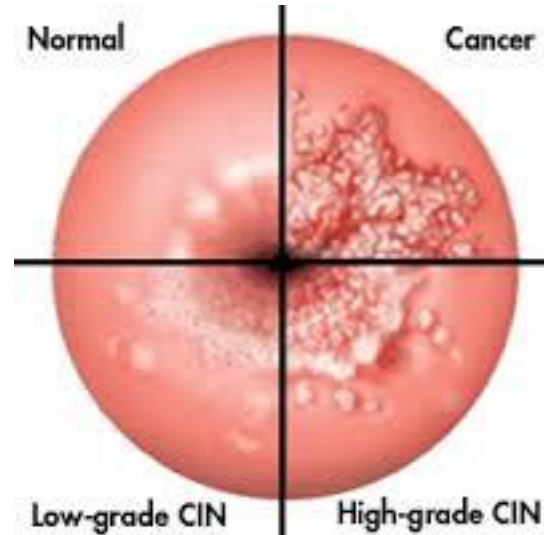


What are the challenges in cervical pathology?...

Special characteristics of the population...

Personalise management

Detect women
with HSIL with
accuracy



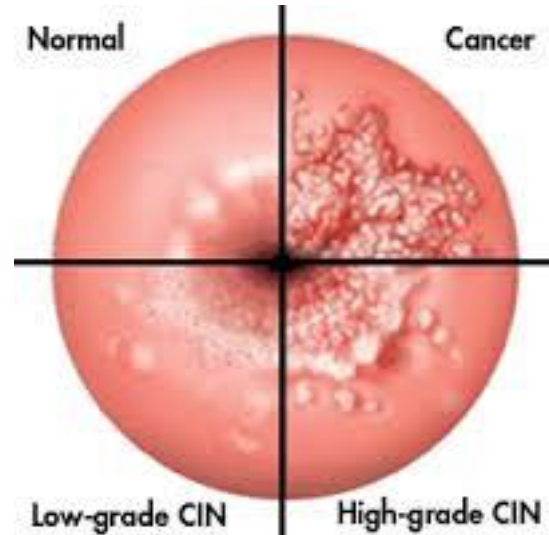
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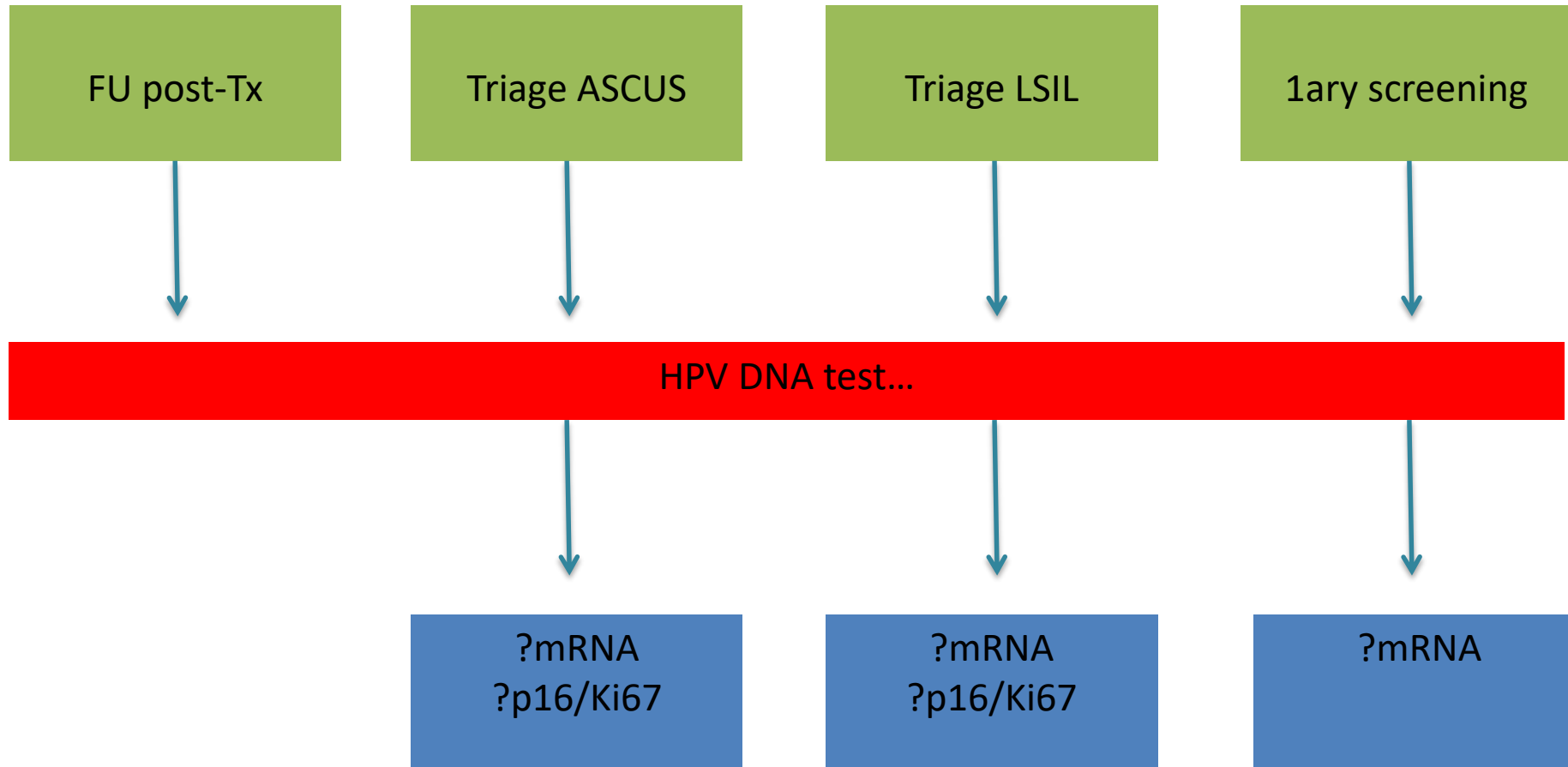


Detect true
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Rapidly evolving time: HPV-based screening,
vaccinated cohorts, several biomarkers --- complex
network of clinical groups... --- lack of algorithms...

Which ones are ready for Clinical Use....?

What do they add to Clinical algorithms...?

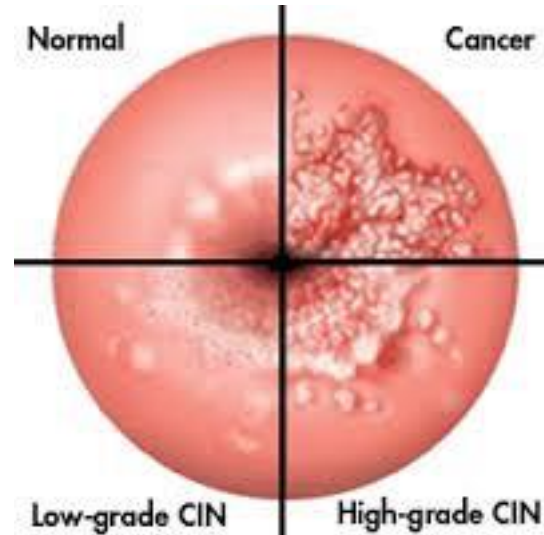


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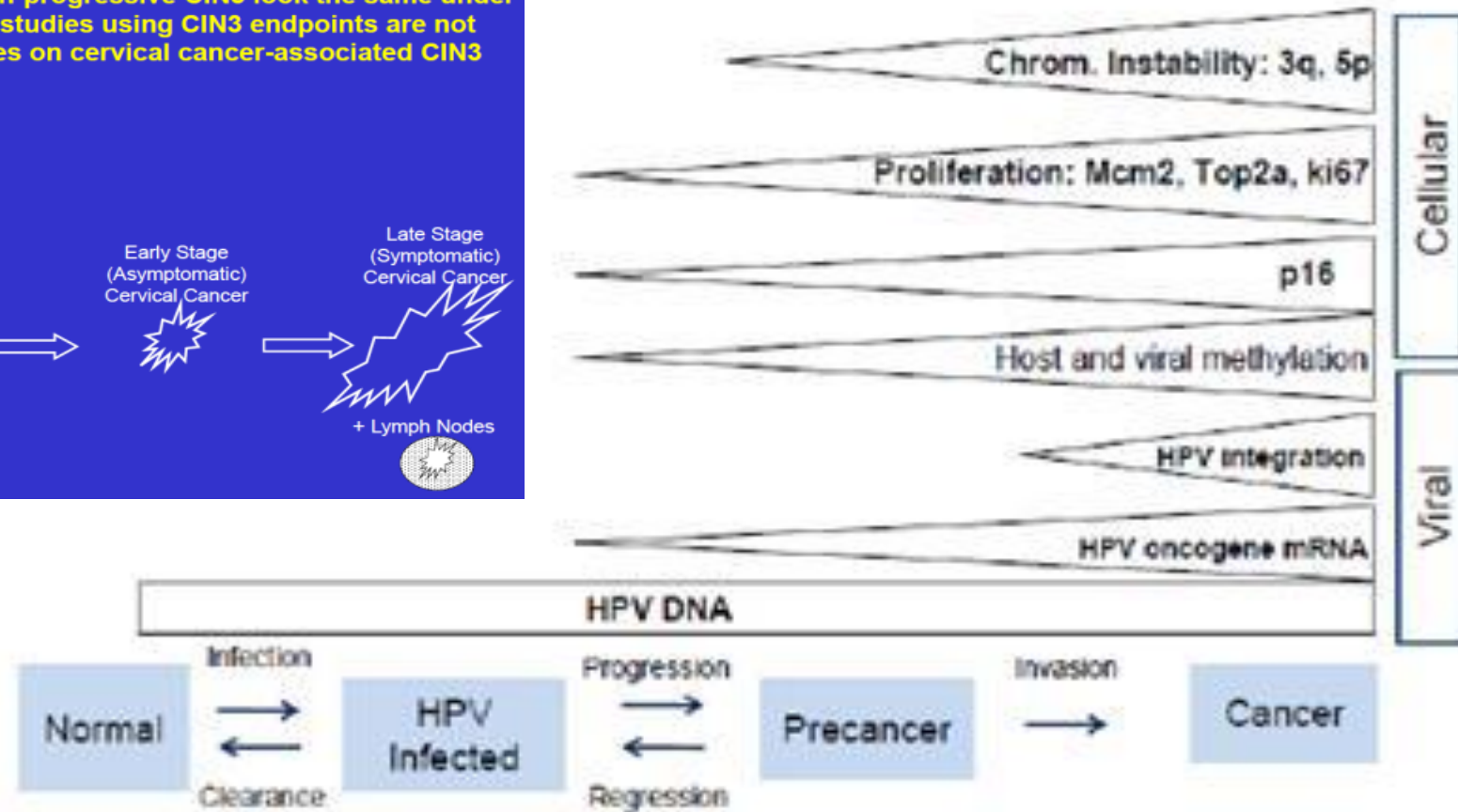
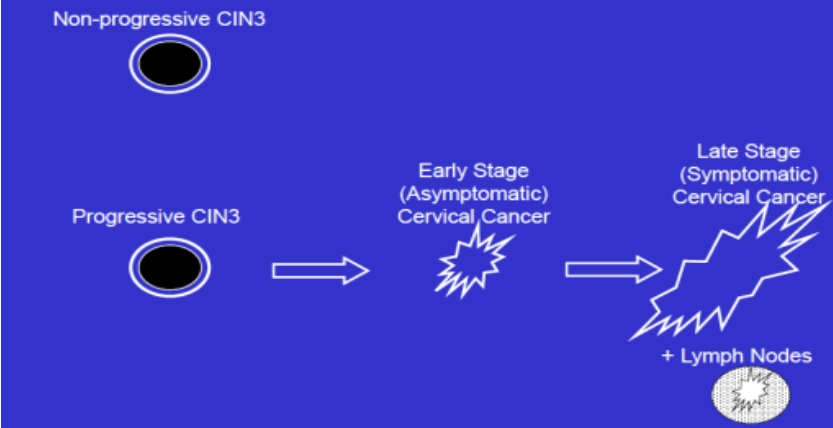
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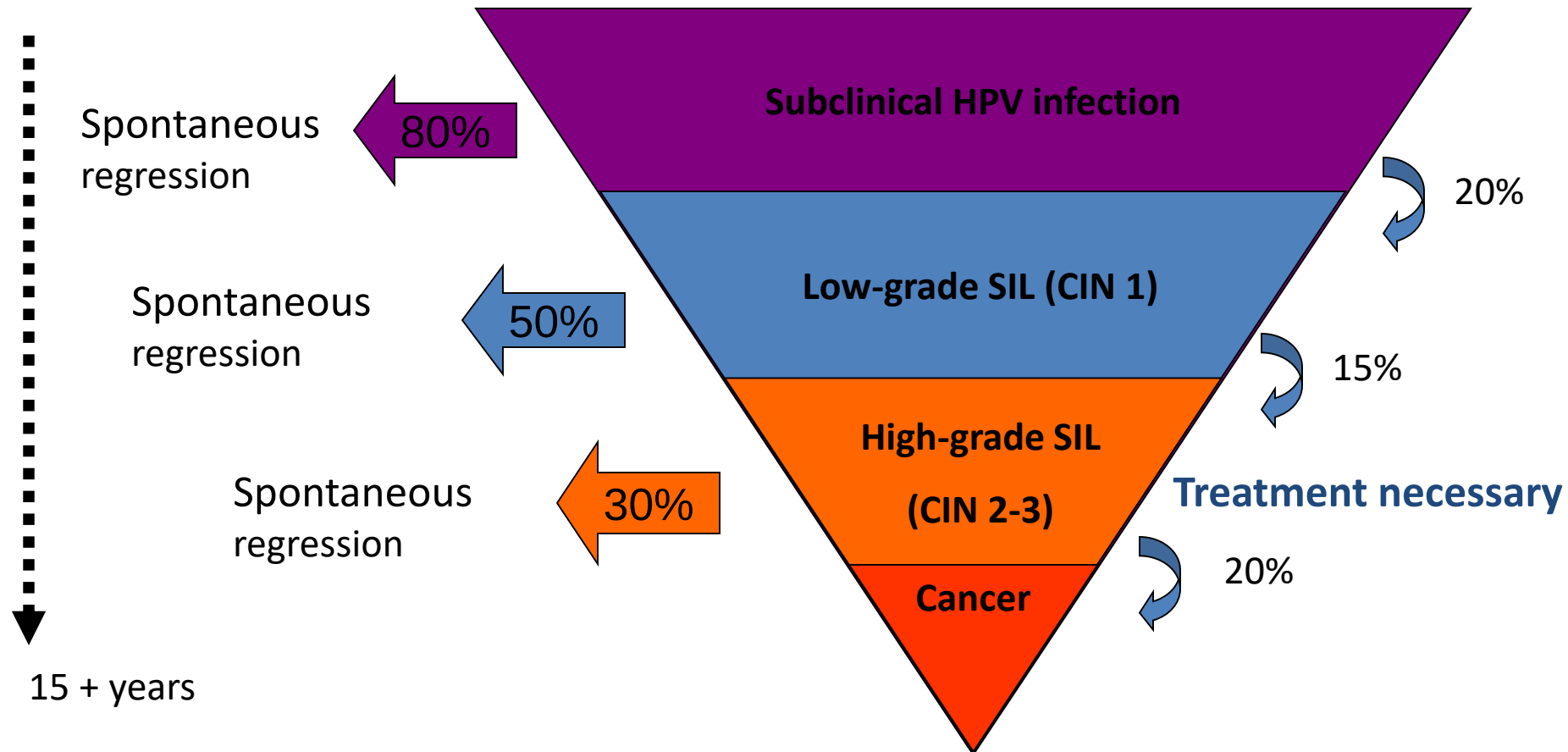
Biomarkers for cervical cancer screening

Progressive and Non-progressive CIN3 look the same under the microscope: studies using CIN3 endpoints are not identical to studies on cervical cancer-associated CIN3



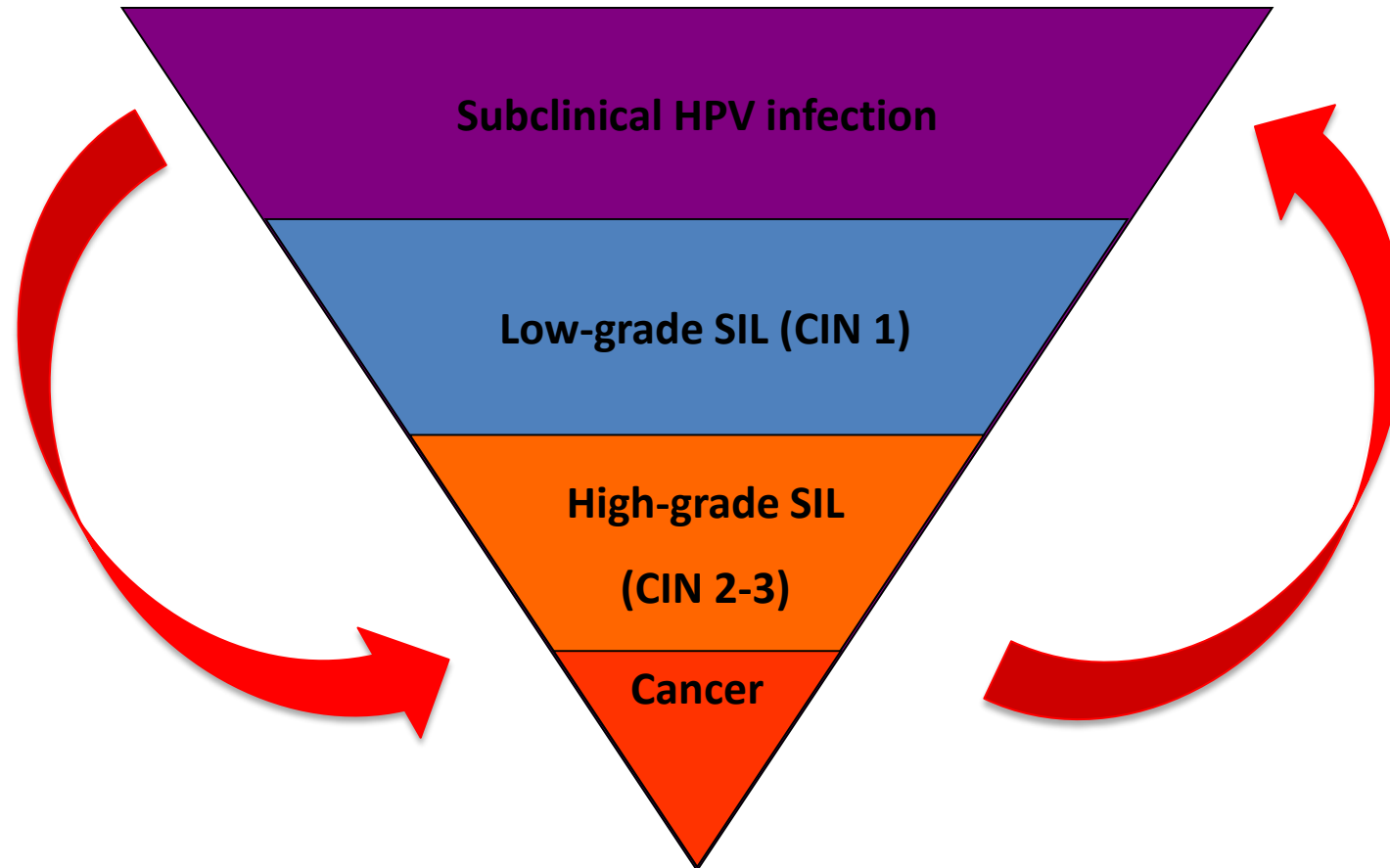
Natural History of HPV infection...

But is there more to it than just the detection of HSIL...?

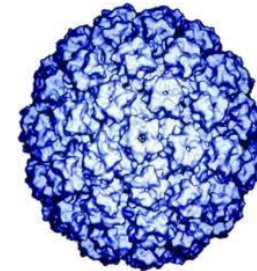
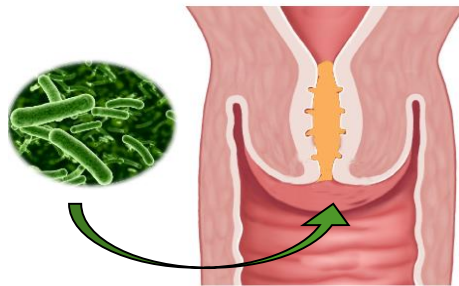
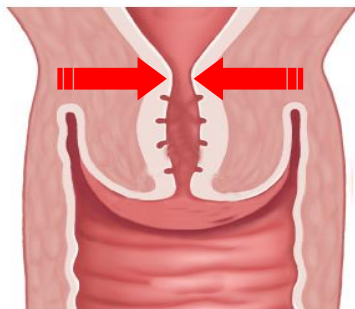
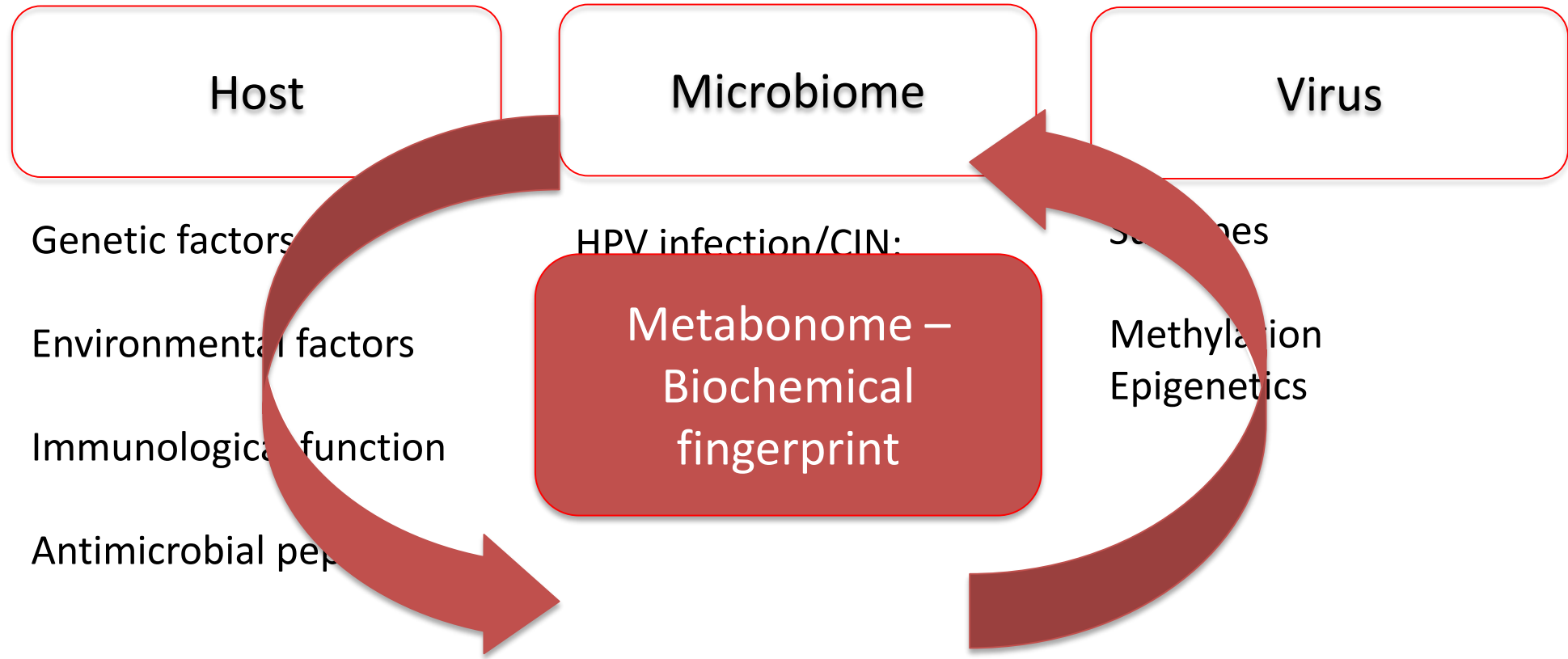


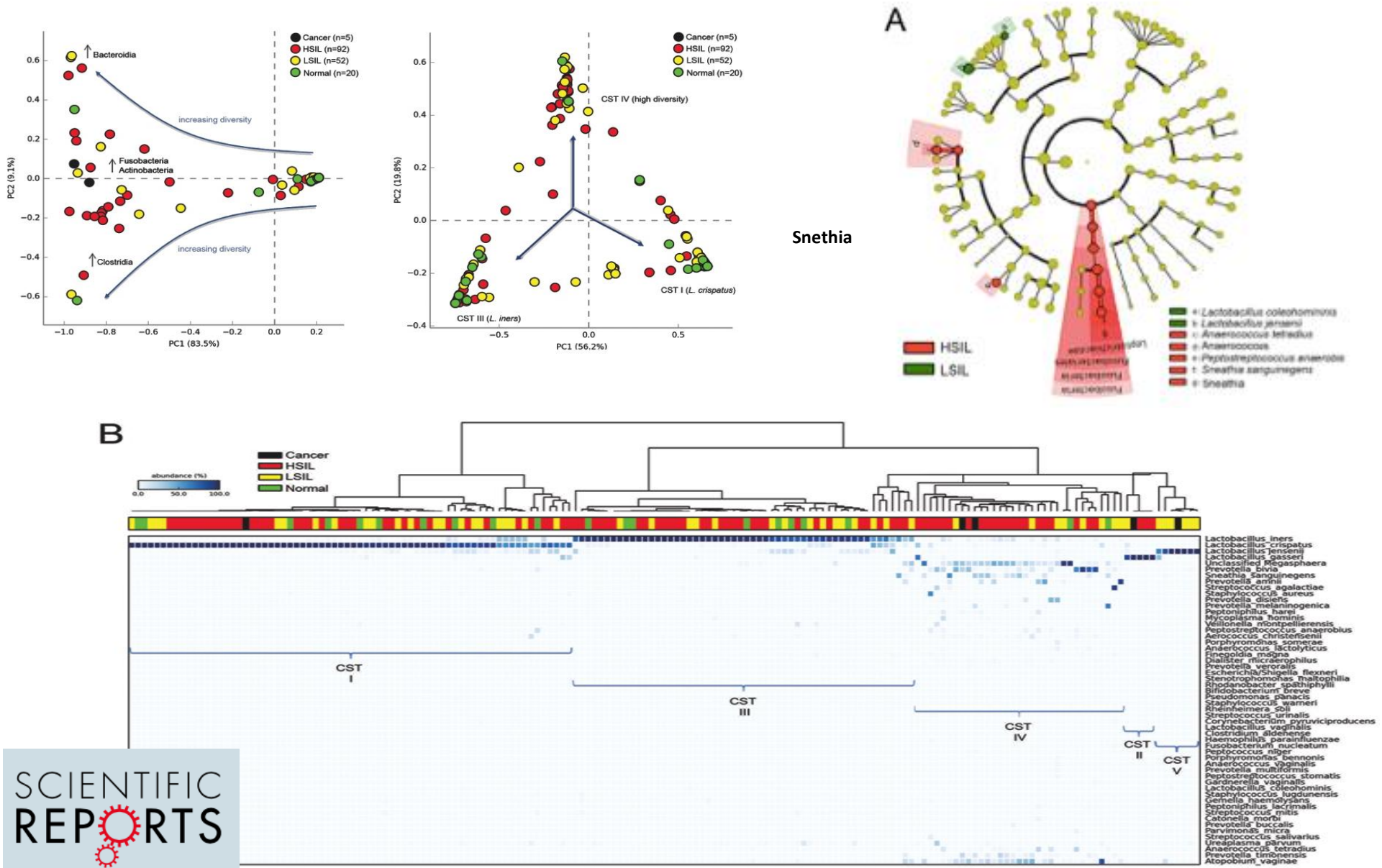
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But what really determines the direction?

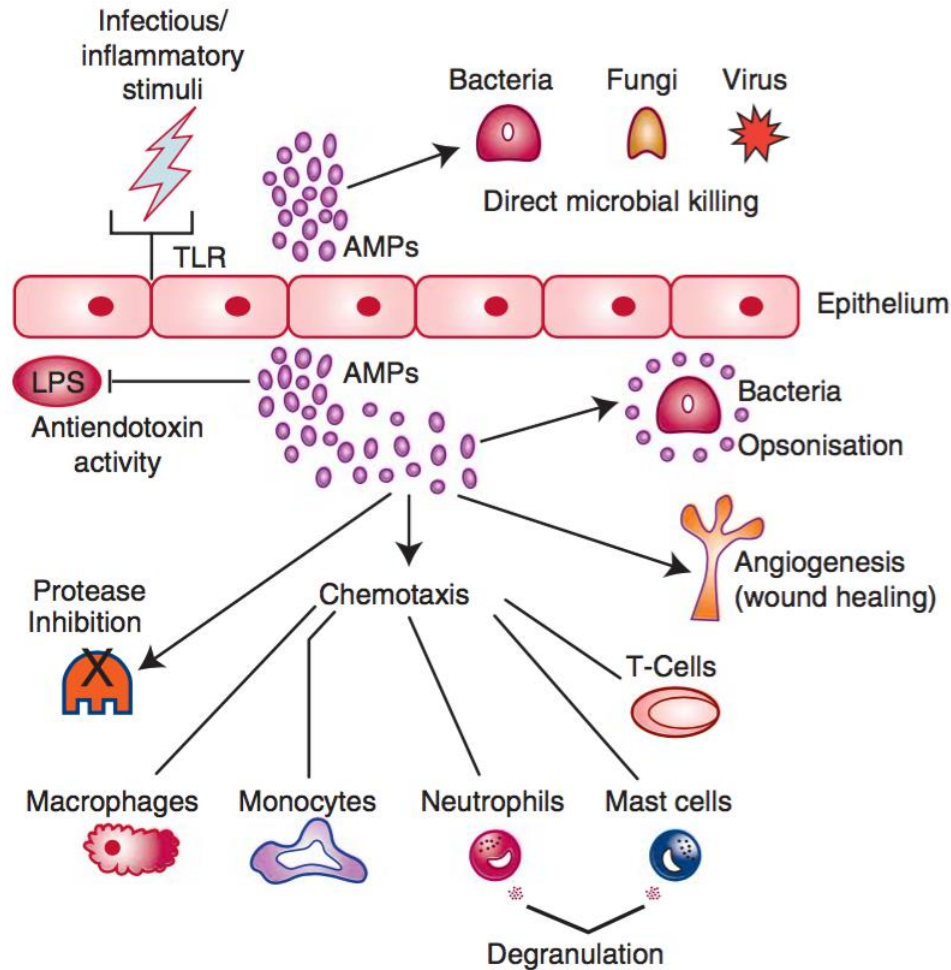


What causes promotes cervical carcinogenesis?





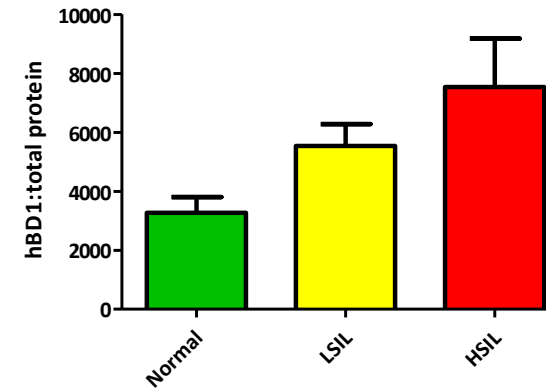
The role of antimicrobial peptides & the impact on reproduction



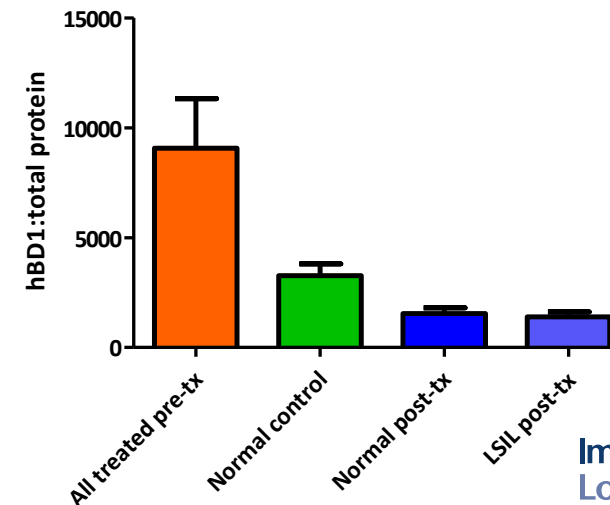
Previous data suggested that AMPs may correlate to HPV persistence...

Woodman PLOS One 2013

hBD-1:total protein concentration according to disease severity



hBD-1:total protein concentration - effect of treatment



GWAS Finnish cohort (NFBC66) (awaiting UK Biobank)

N=5402 with genotype data

CIN / Cervical Cancer Cases = 353

Controls = 1868

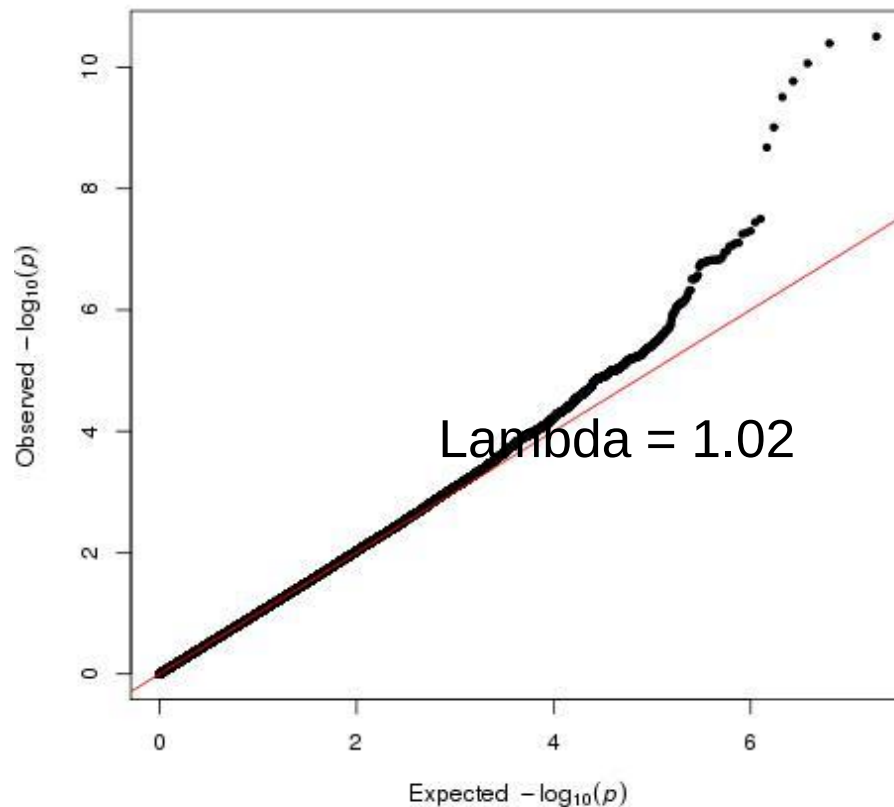
Public Health

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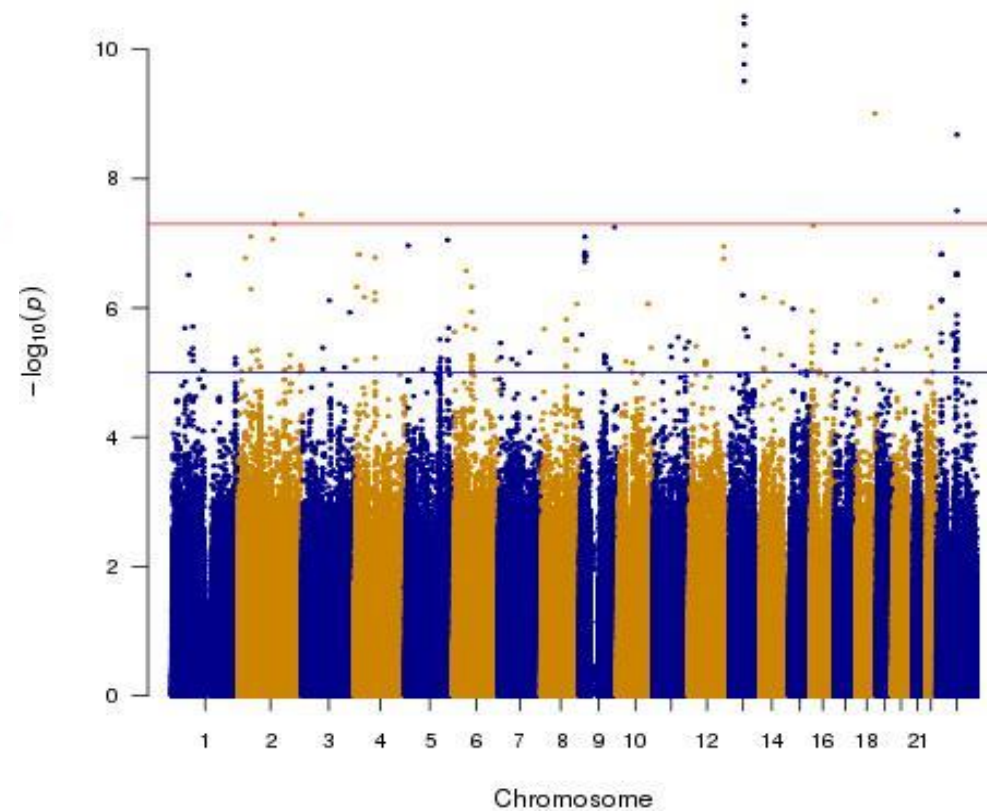
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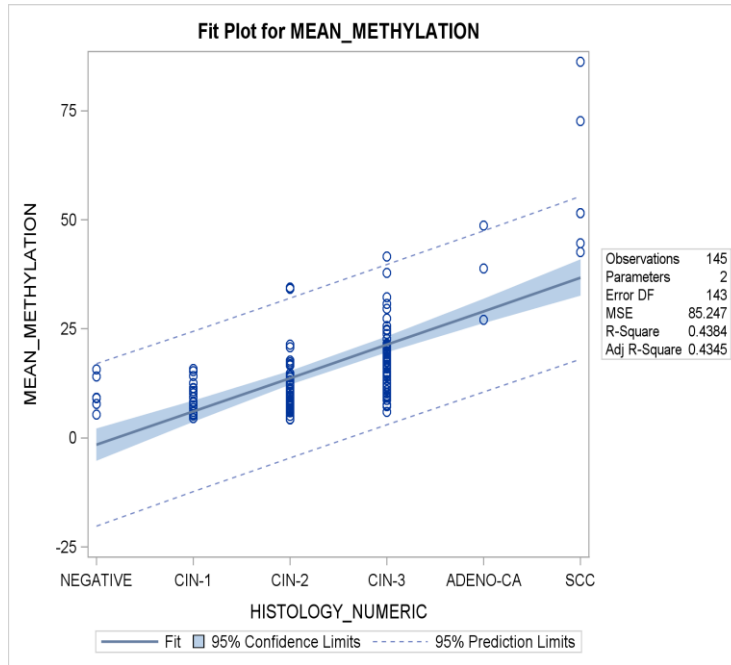
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Q-Q plot of training_GWAS p-values



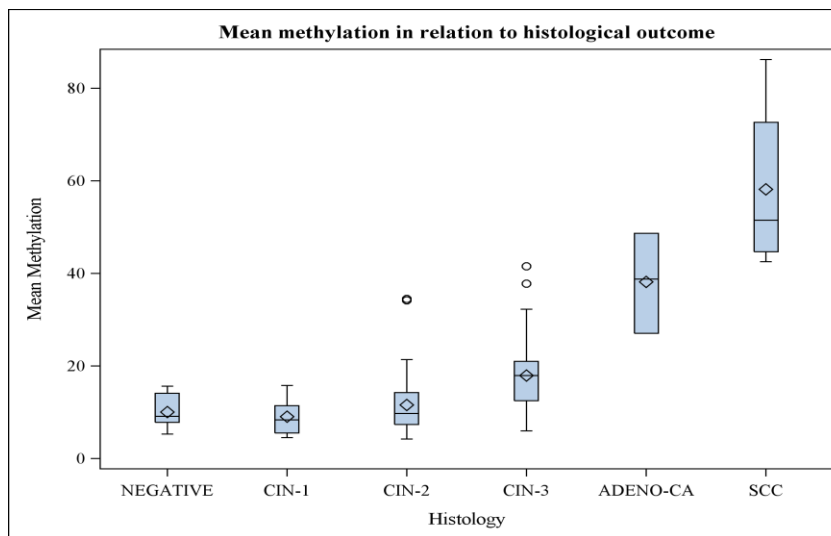
Manhattan Plot





Methylation of CpG sites in the HPV genome associates with CIN & Ca

HPV 16 methylation to serve as a predictive biomarker ...



Kottaridi, Kyrgiou, Pouliakis, Magkana, Aga, Spathis, Mitra, Makris, Chrelias, Mpakou, Paraskevaidis, Panayiotides, Karakitsos J Inf Dis 2017.

Metabonomics: the whole System's Biology...

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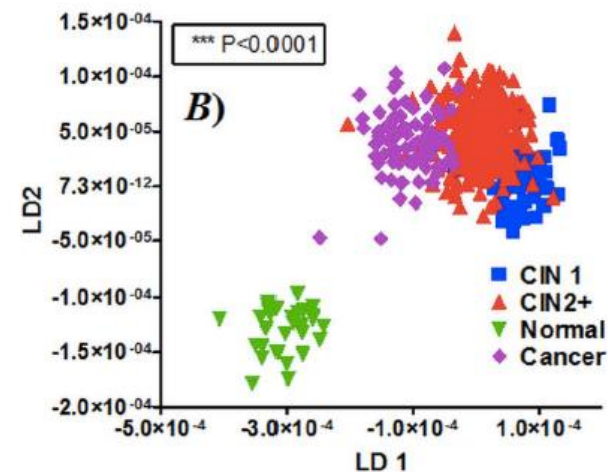


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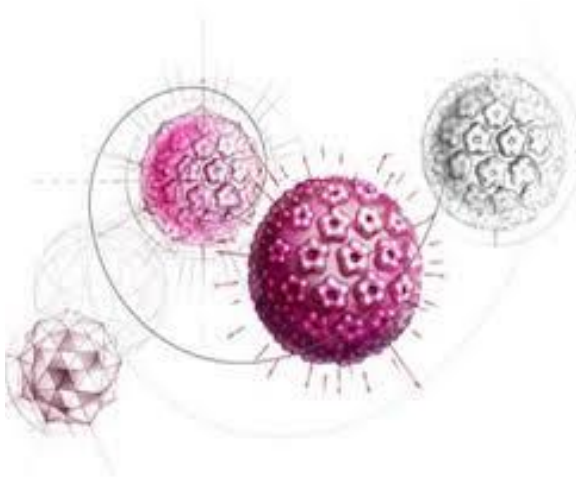
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Analytical Methods 2014



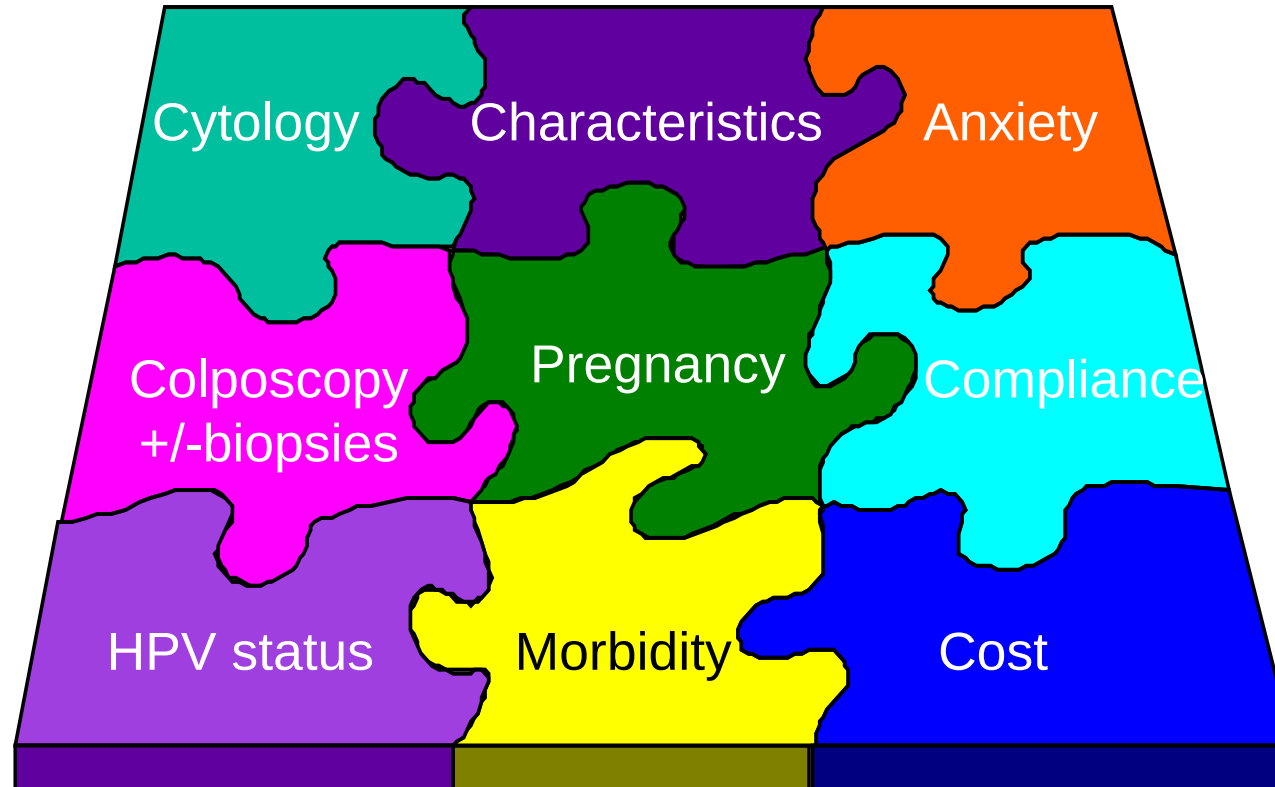


Is its needed...? **YES**

Who would benefit....?



Decision-making

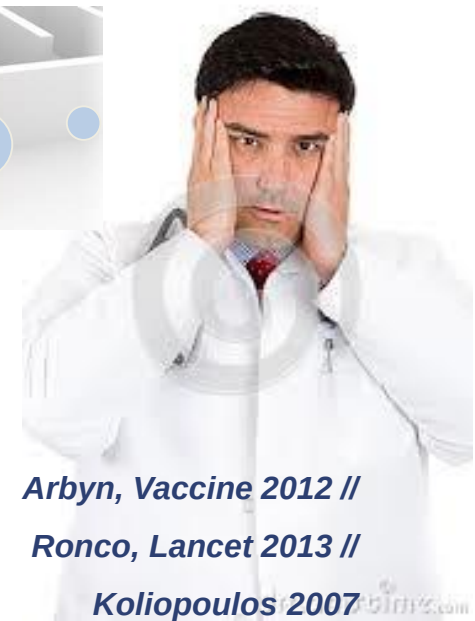
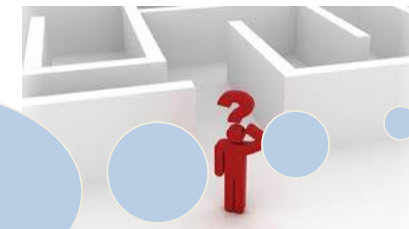


Challenges in Screening & Management of CIN...

Women: Young women, Reproductive & Psychological morbidity

Clinicians & Health System: 'jungle' of biomarkers, HPV screening, vaccines, complex network of clinical groups, personalised care

'Well the HPV test is positive but the genotyping shows 33... and the viral load is low... then... well depends as the mRNA is positive but ...the p16 is negative... although the cytology was...and my colposcopy ...'



Arbyn, Vaccine 2012 //

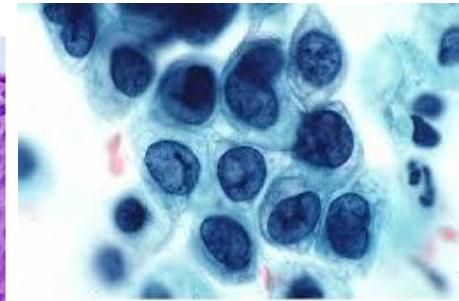
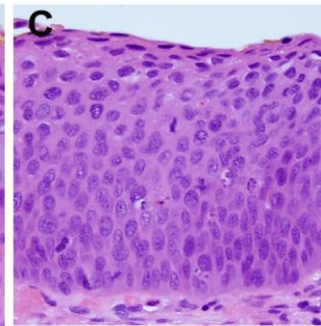
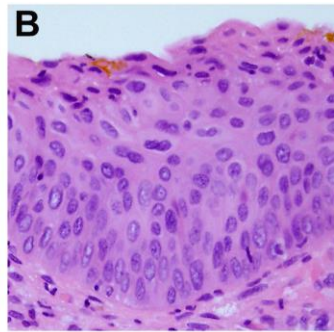
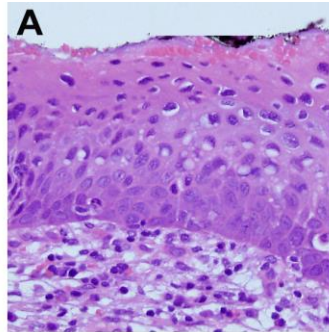
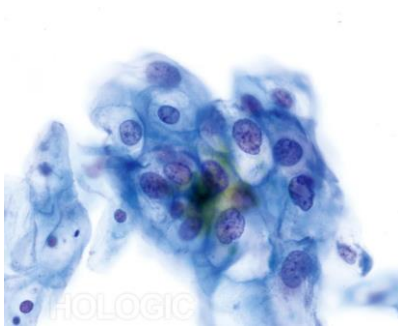
Ronco, Lancet 2013 //

Koliopoulos 2007

What is the threshold for Tx?



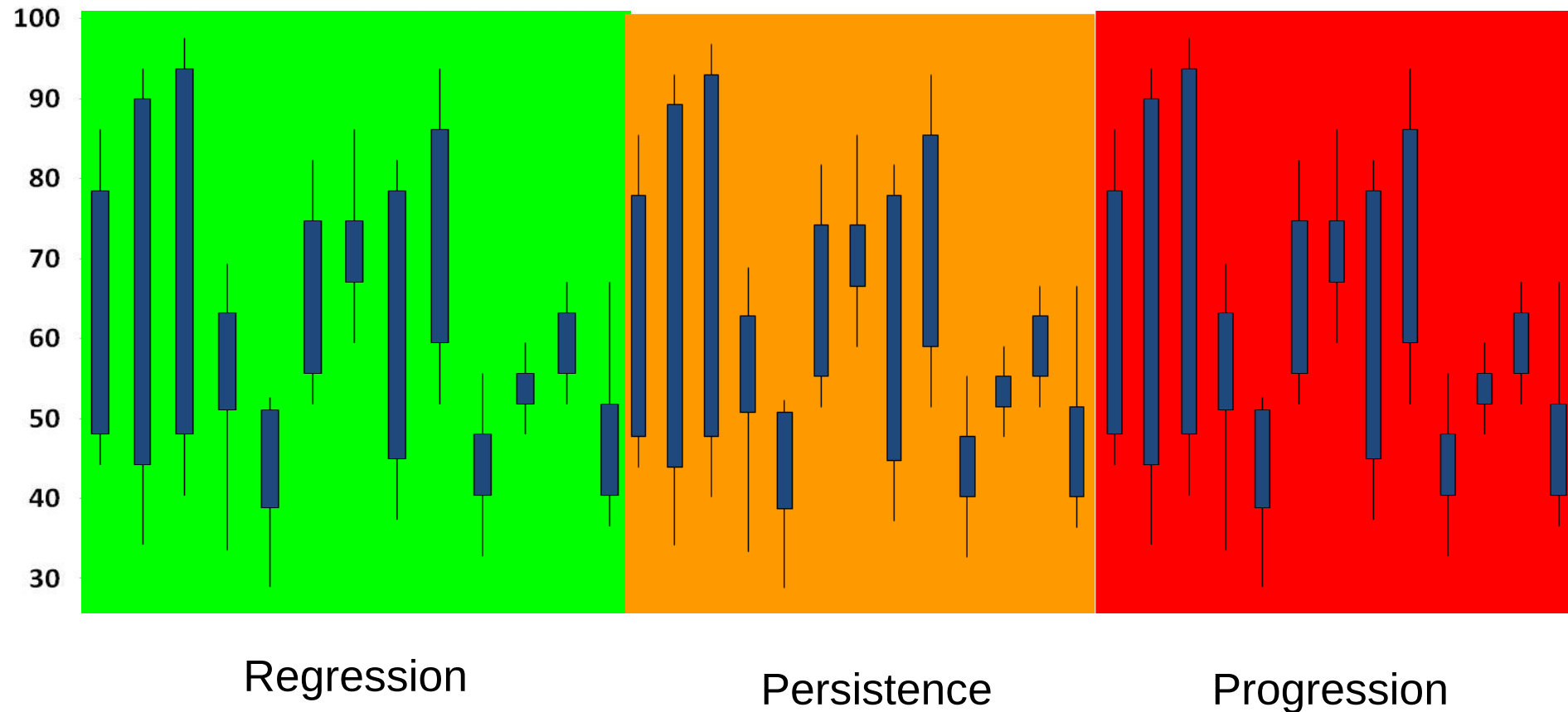
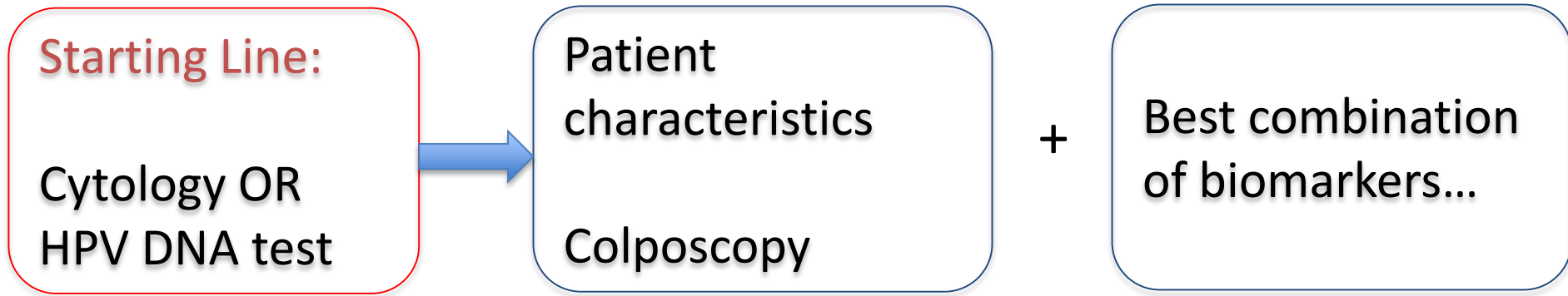
Decision-making more complex...



Biomarkers



Decision Clinical Support Scoring System



Personalized management of women with cervical abnormalities using Clinical Decision Support Scoring System

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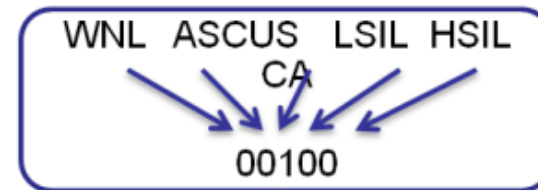
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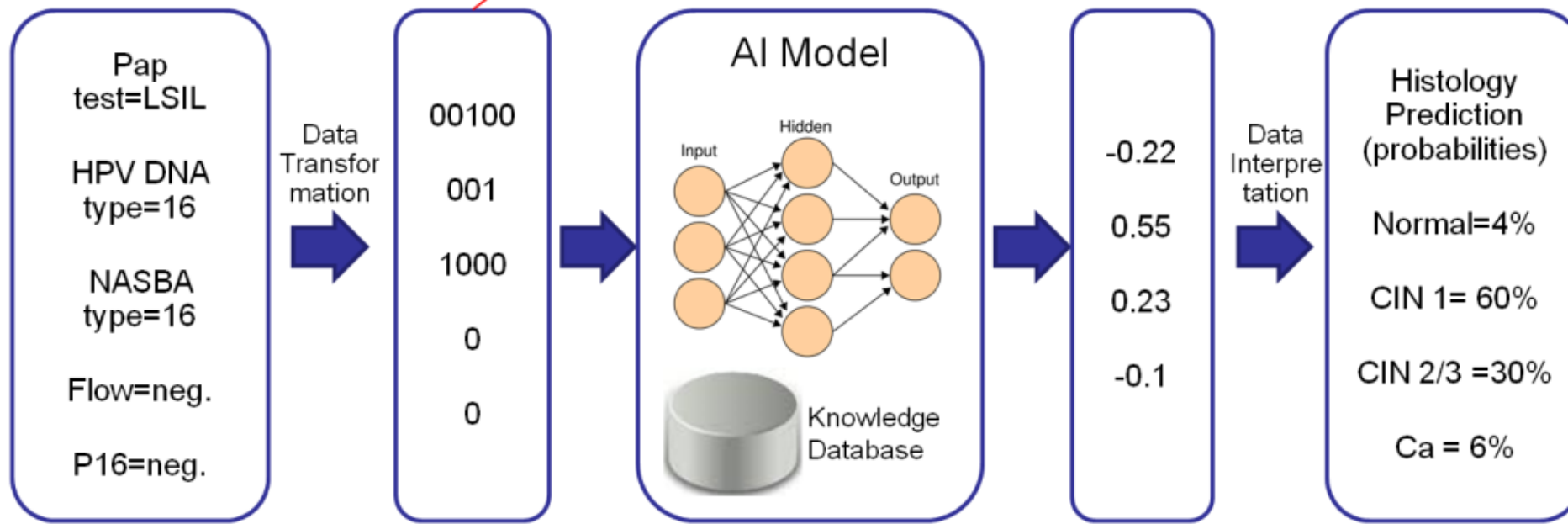


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Patient's Data
(Pap test, HPV DNA test, NASBA, Flow, p16)



Support Information
(Histology)





Conclusions

Major advances in pre- and invasive Cx Disease...

Continue to do research...
We can do even better...



Improve **detection** of women with HSIL...

Predict which will **progress**...

Ability to **select** the right person for the right Mx...

Personalise care ('one model DOES NOT fit all')



Approach the whole **system's biology**

Complex **interplay** with microenvironment: host, HPV, microbiome

Potential for new horizons of research and new treatments

HPV vaccine – better screening: Cx Ca will become a **rare** tumour...

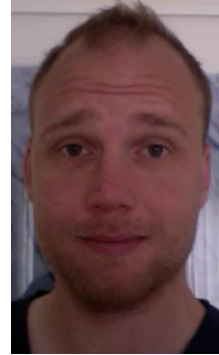
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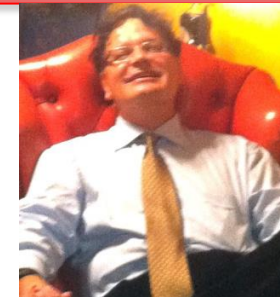
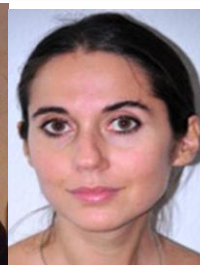




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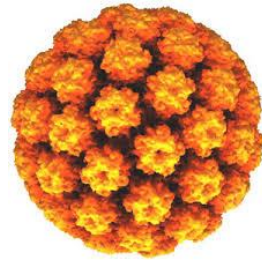


To improve Oncologic & Reproductive outcomes for patients...



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Symbiosis

A close, prolonged association between two or more different organisms of different species



Commensalism

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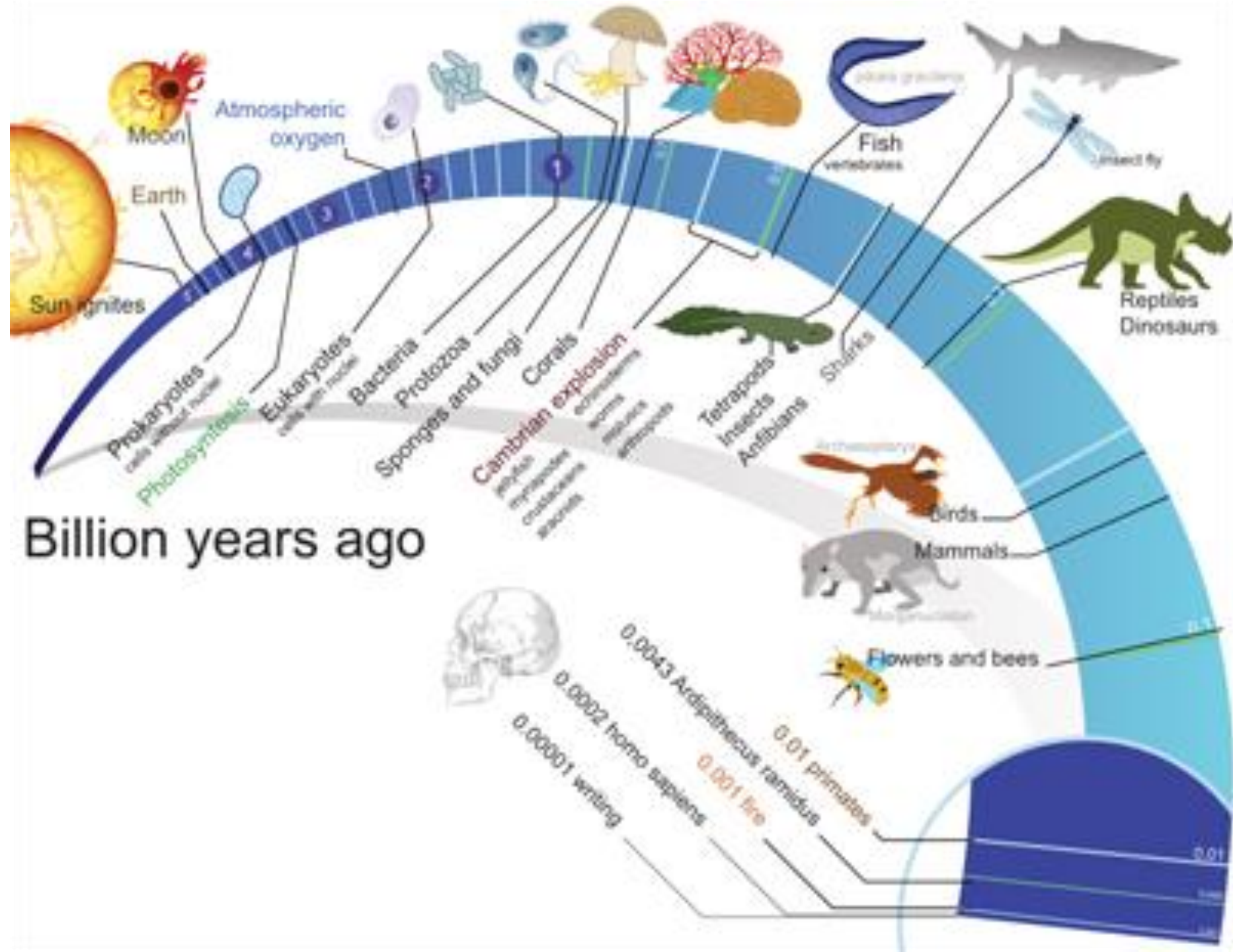
Relationship between two organisms where one organism benefits from the other without affecting it



Mutualism

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Relationship beneficial to both organisms involved



“Messieurs, c'est les microbes qui auront le dernier mot”

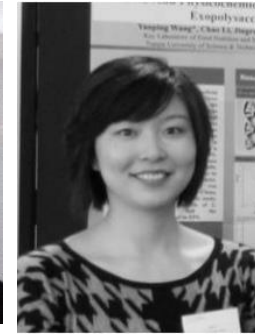
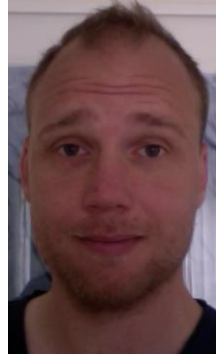
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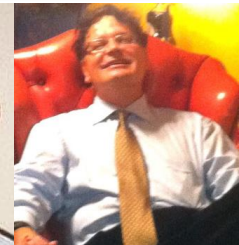
Louis Pasteur



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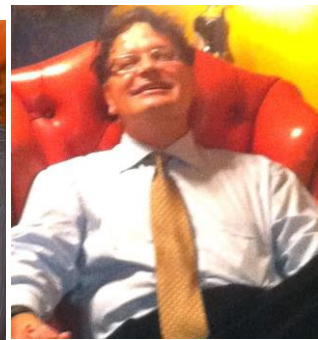
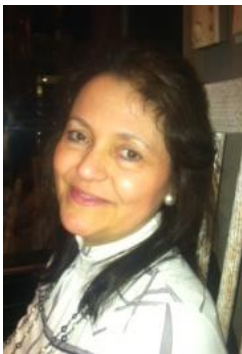




One size fits all...

A Tailored Approach...





Treatment for CIN and Risk of PTB

Obstetric outcomes after conservative treatment for intraepithelial or early invasive cervical lesions: systematic review and meta-analysis

M Kyrgiou et al. 2006

THE LANCET

‘Excisional treatment increases the risk of PTB by up to 2.5 times...’

Perinatal mortality and other severe adverse pregnancy outcomes associated with treatment of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia: meta-analysis

M Arbyn et al. 2008

BMJ^{Group}

‘The risk of perinatal mortality & severe PTB is also increased with cervical excision...’

Increased risk of preterm birth after treatment for CIN

Underlying mechanisms and contributing factors still need unpicking

M Kyrgiou et al. 2012

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‘Until well designed prospective studies using stratification according to proportion of excision become available, the issue remains unresolved...’

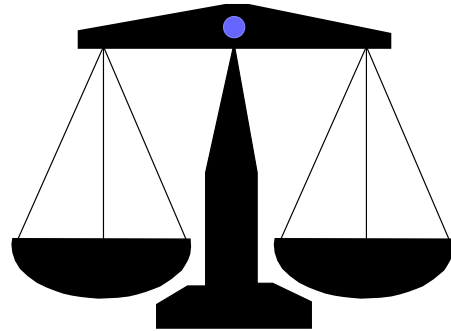
Long term outcomes for women treated for cervical precancer

Cervical cancer risk increases with age and looks worse for women treated more recently. We need to find out why

M Arbyn et al. 2014

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‘Optimal balance between risk of cancer and obstetric safety...’



Ghaem-Maghami S et al.
Lancet Oncology 2007

Risk of recurrence ~ margins

18% vs 3%

RESEARCH

February 2014

Effect of ageing on cervical or vaginal cancer in Swedish women previously treated for cervical intraepithelial neoplasia grade 3: population based cohort study of long term incidence and mortality

 OPEN ACCESS

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Increase in the risk of post-Tx cervical cancer...

Optimal balance between
risk of cancer & obstetric safety...
Arbyn, Kyrgiou, Gondry, Petry, Paraskevaidis
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Risk of preterm birth following treatment for cervical disease

Stakeholder meeting

16th February 2015

9:30am-4pm

This one day meeting aims to review the available evidence on the risk of preterm birth following treatment for cervical disease, discuss the impact of this research on colposcopy and obstetric services and the next steps in making this evidence part of the national guidance.

The meeting will be held at the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6BQ. It is aimed at colposcopists, gynaecologists, obstetricians and policy makers with an interest in cervical disease and/or preterm delivery.

- 09:30-10:00 Coffee and registration
- 10:00-10:15 Welcome – **Prof. Julietta Patnick**
- 10:15-10:30 Cohort results – **Prof. Peter Sasieni**
- 10:30-10:45 Case-control by depth – **Dr. Alex Castanon**
- 10:45-11:00 Risk by number of births following colposcopy – **Dr. Rebecca Landy**
- 11:00-11:20 Similar results from other publications – **Dr. Maria Kyrgiou**
- 11:20-12:00 Discussion (Chaired by **Mr. Pat Soutter**)
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-13:20 Cold coagulation – **Mr. Walter Prendeville**
- 13:20-13:40 What excisions are we doing and why? – **Mr. Henry Kitchener**
- 13:40-14:00 Importance of quality management of colposcopy – **Miss Theresa Freeman-Wang**
- 14:00-14:20 Discussion (Chaired by **Mr. Tony Hollingworth**)
- 14:20-14:40 Impact of very preterm and moderate preterm on childhood outcomes. Costs of care – **Prof. Maria Quigley**
- 14:40-15:00 Is the risk of preterm due to deep excision completely mediate by cervical length? – **Dr. Leona Poon**
- 15:00-15:20 What can be done to prevent preterm delivery in high-risk women? – **Prof. Andrew Shennan**
- 15:20-15:45 Discussion (Chaired by **Prof. Donald Peebles**)
- 15:45-16:00 Closing remarks, future actions

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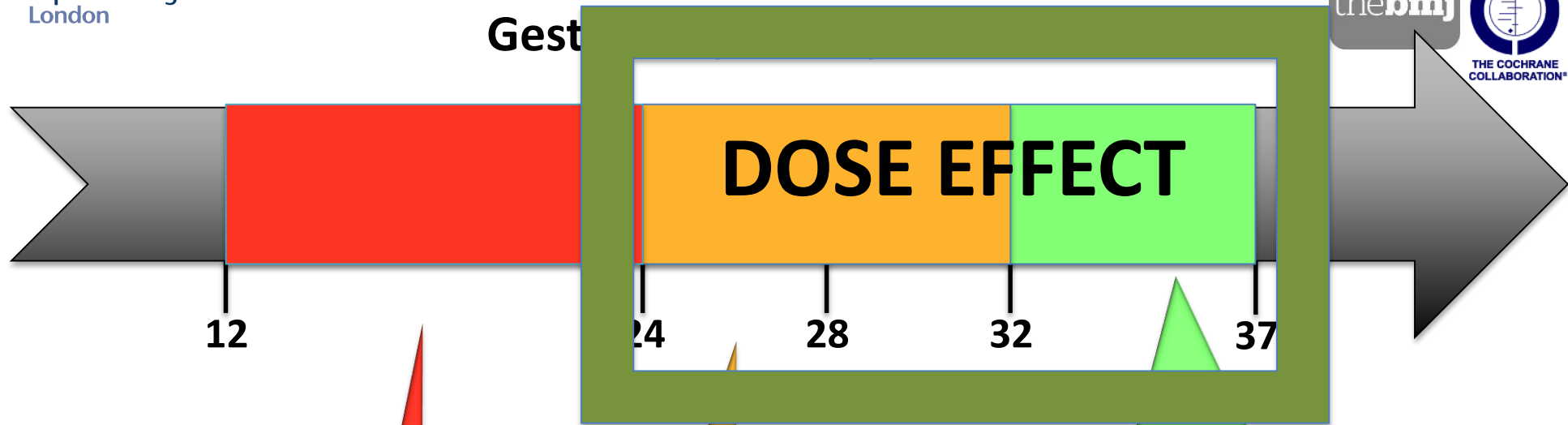
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Obstetric Impact of Treatment for Cervical Intraepithelial Neoplasia



2006 Kyrgiou et al.

THE LANCET

Overall prematurity

2008 Arbyn et al.



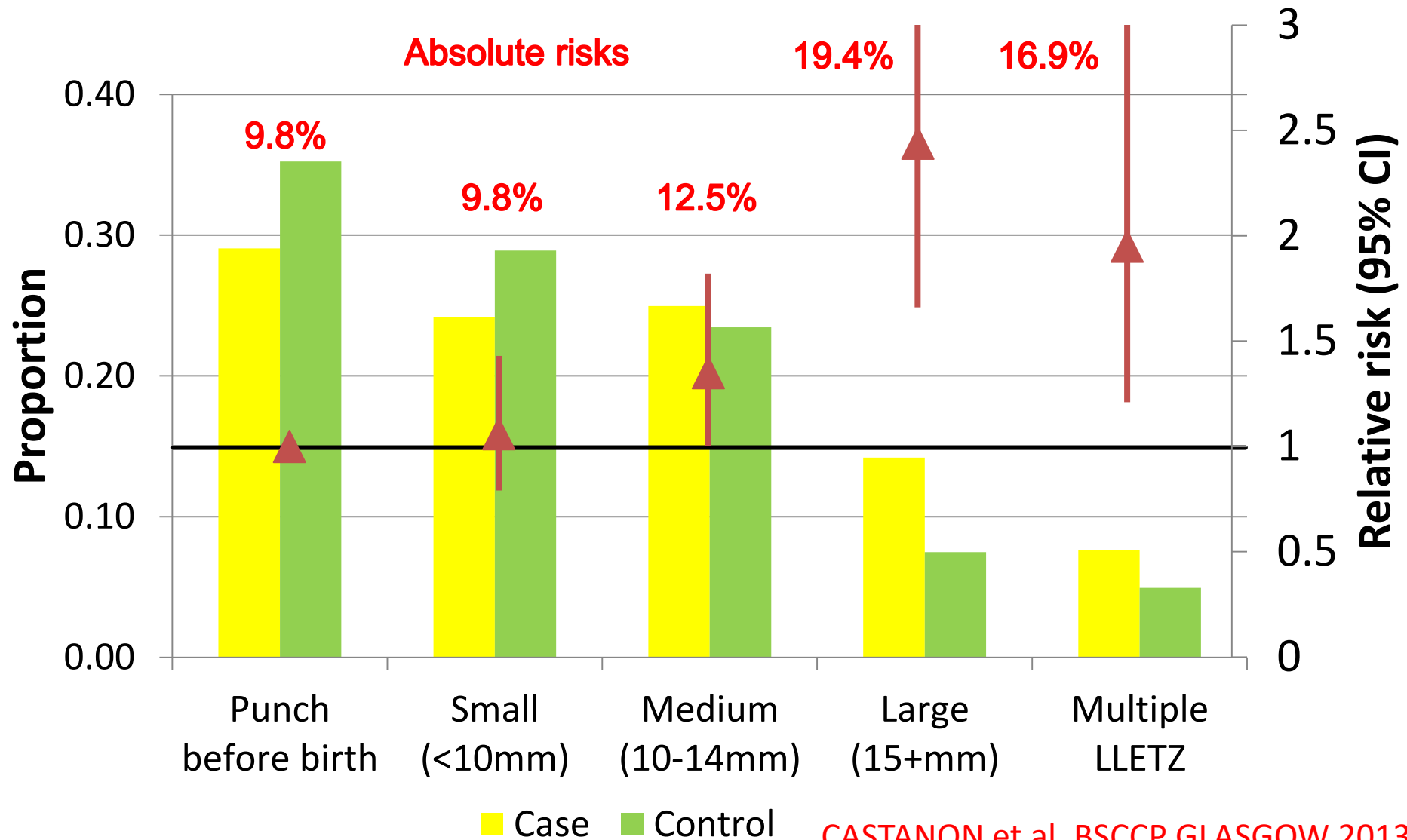
Severe & extreme PD
Perinatal mortality

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2nd trimester miscarriage

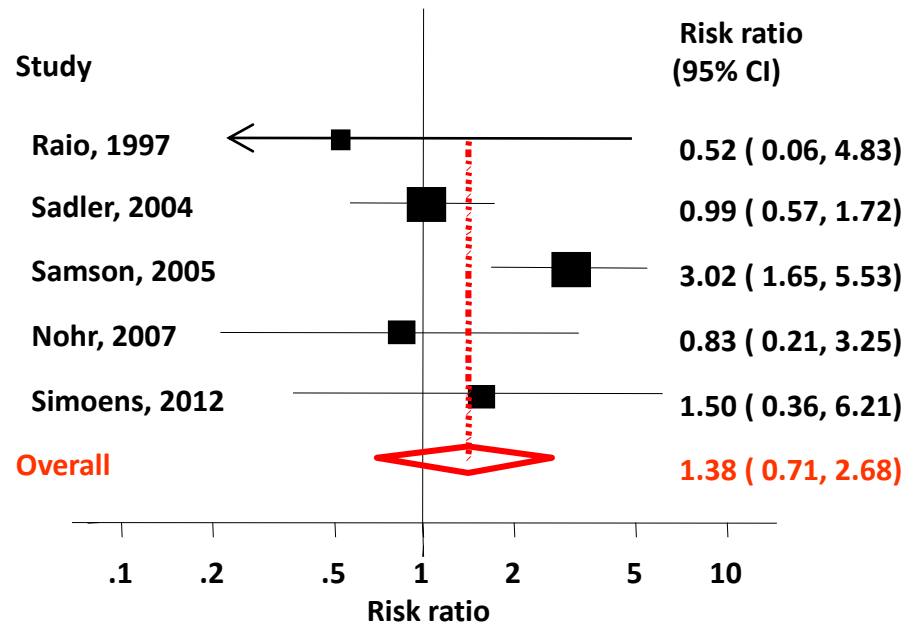
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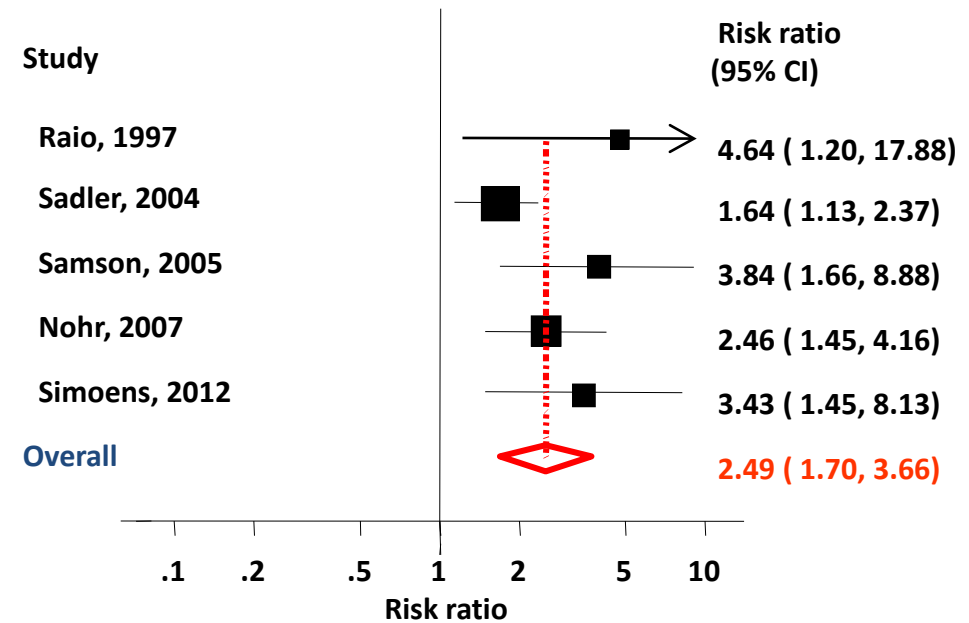
Depth of Excision ...

Preterm delivery (<37W): Excision vs no treatment ~height

≤ 10 mm



> 10 mm





Series of publications

Noehr et al.

Obstet Gynecol 2009a

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Am J Obstet Gynaecol 2009

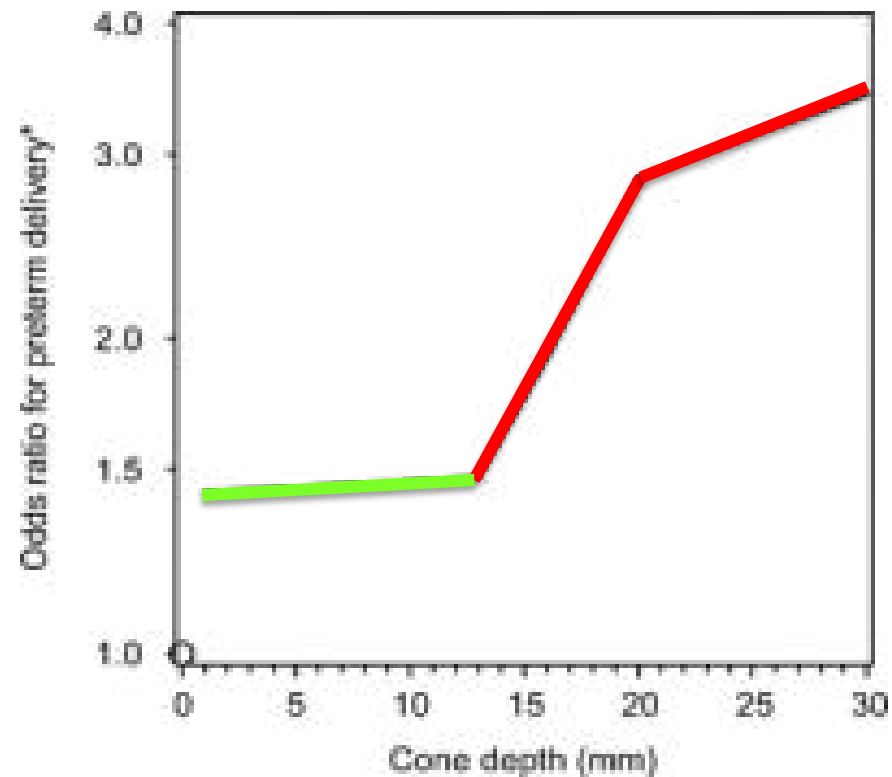


Cone Volume

Khalid BJOG 2012

3-fold increase in PTL risk if

- Volume > 6cm³
- Thickness > 12mm



Repeat conisation

Noehr AJOG 2009: x 4 PTB

Ortoft BJOG 2010: ePTB x5 – PM x3





Time for a meta-analysis of the
meta-analyses....

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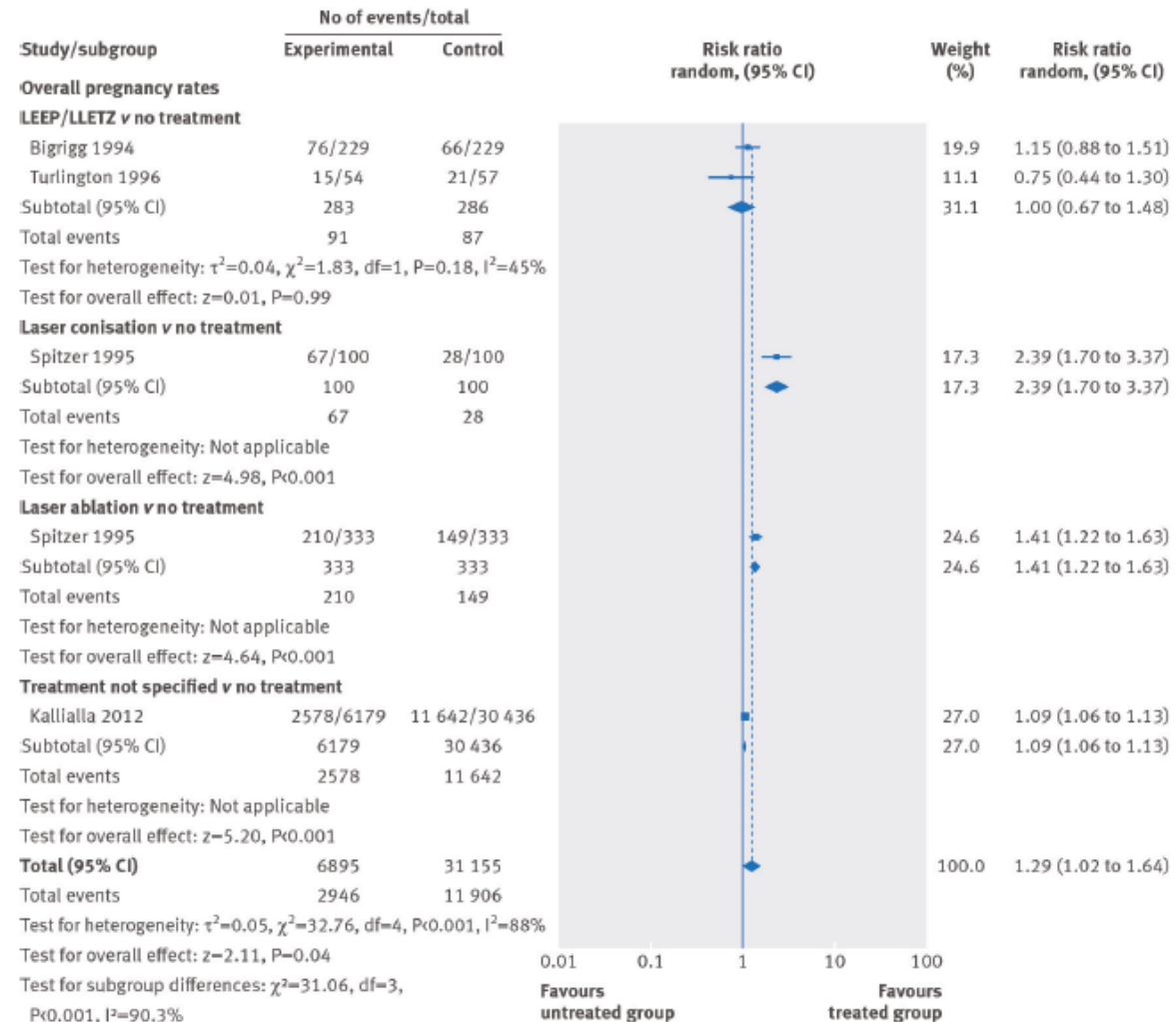
Fertility & Pregnancy outcomes after CIN treatment

Kyrgiou M, Mitra A, Arbyn A, Stasinou M, Martin-Hirsch P, Bennett P, Paraskevaidis E

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Fertility outcomes:

- no adverse effect
- PR: treated (43%) > untreated (38%)
- ? Longer time to conception (NS)
- No data on depth of excision, number of Tx...
- Multifactorial nature



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Early pregnancy outcomes:

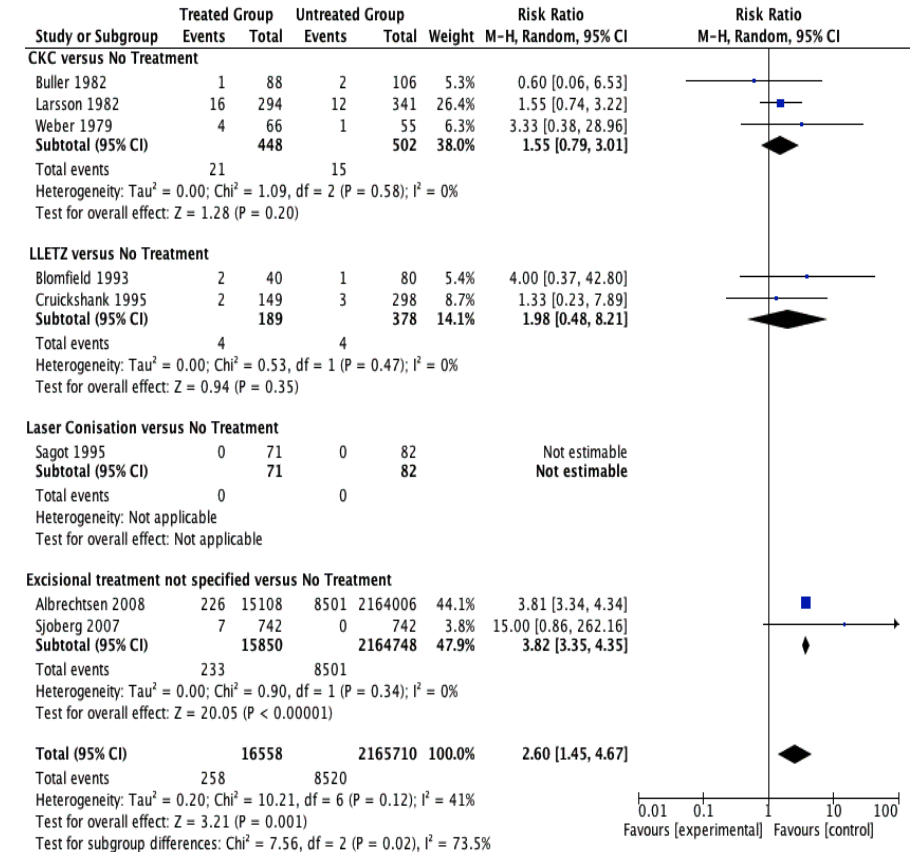
- 2nd trimester miscarriage:

RR: 2.6 (1.46-4.67)

Treated 1.6% vs Untreated 0.4%

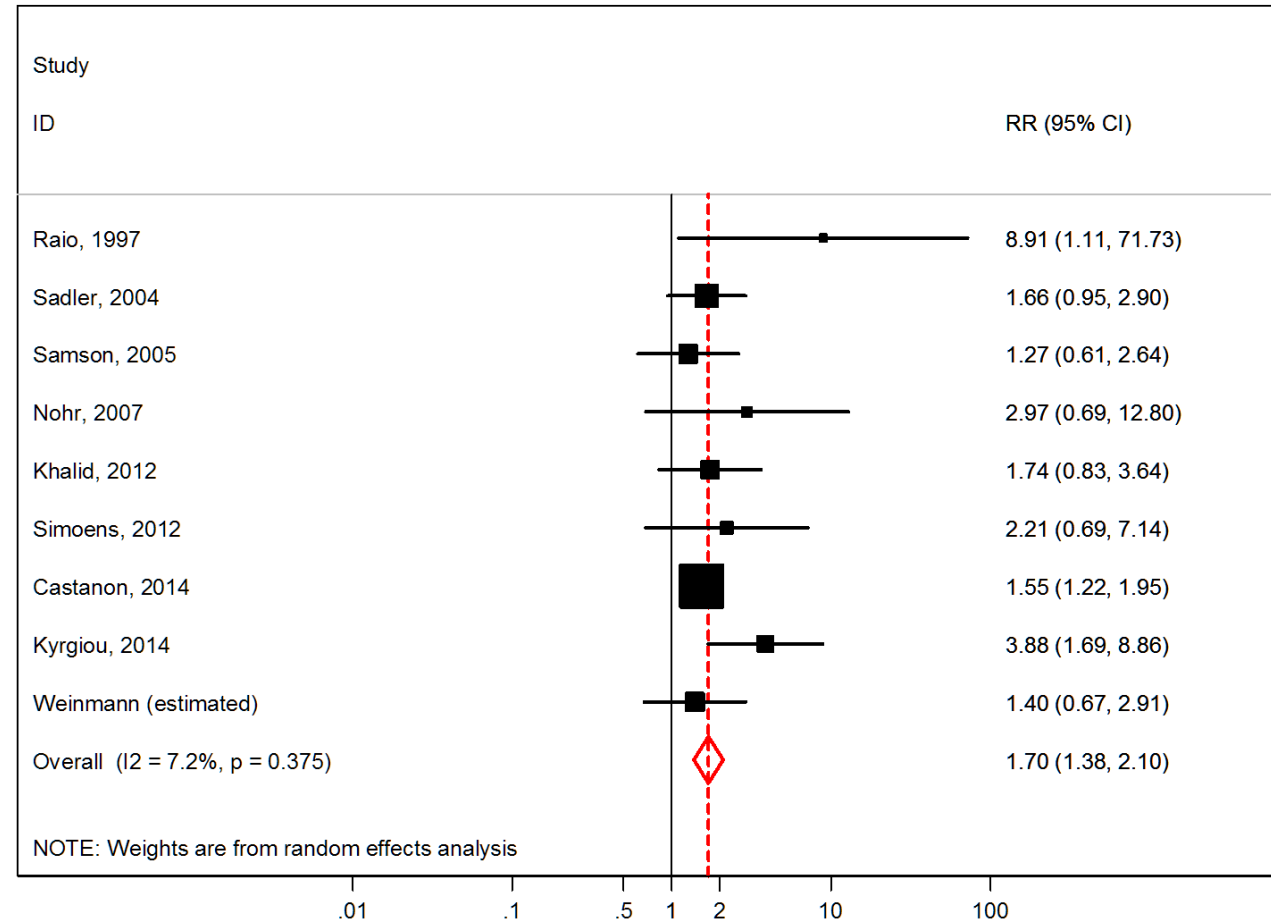
Pregnancy outcomes:

Ongoing...

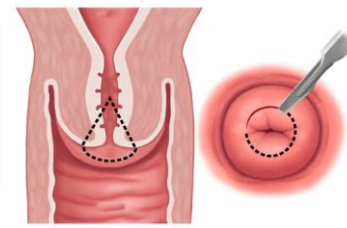


The Role of the Depth of Excision....

Preterm delivery at <37 W (Excision <10mm vs ≥10mm treatment)



What causes preterm birth after CIN treatment?



Treatment

Mechanical integrity

Founta BJOG 2010

Khalid BJOG 2011

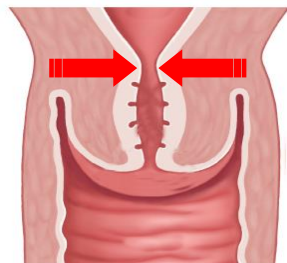
Structure of cervix

Phadnis BJOG 2011

Immunological function

Paraskevaidis BJOG 2007

Vag microbiome/metabonome



CIN

HPV infection/CIN:

Immunological function

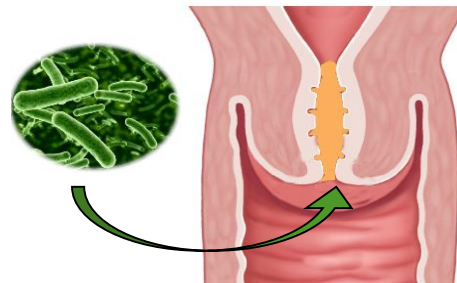
Microbiome/metabonome

Castanon BMJ 2012

Kyrgiou BMJ 2012 (Editorial)

Lee PLoS One 2013

Arbyn BMJ 2012 (Editorial)



Intrinsic abnormality

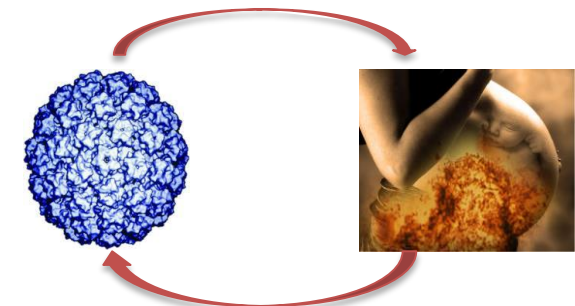
Women HPV/CIN – PTB:

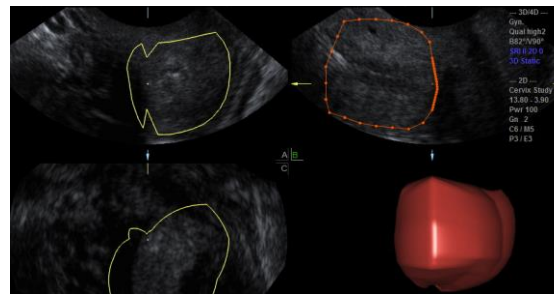
Impaired immunity
(AMPs, leucocytes...)

Woodham PLoS One 2012

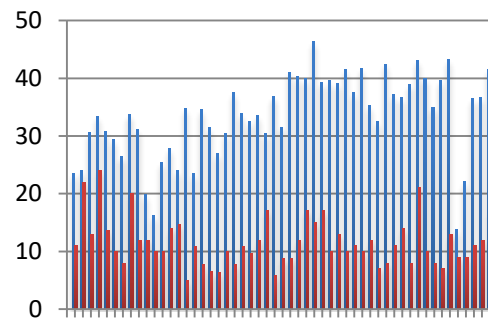
Microbiome/metabonome

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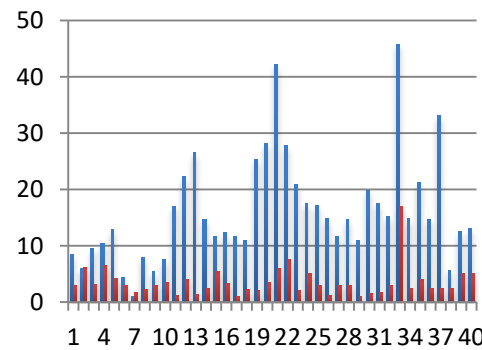




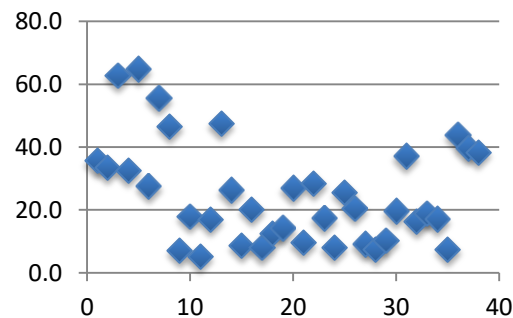
Cx Length before Tx &
Cone Depth



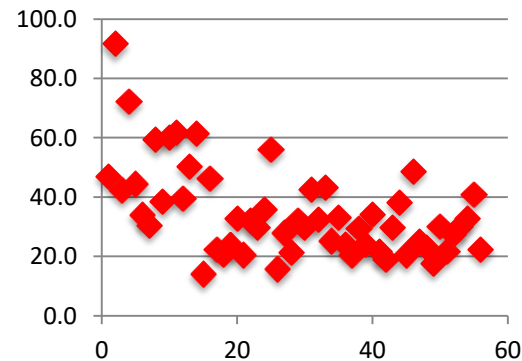
Cx V before Tx & Cone V



% of Cx length excision

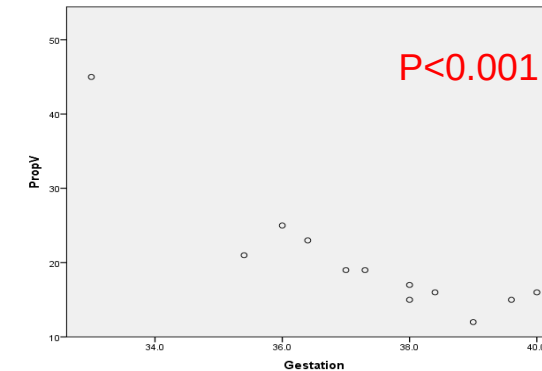
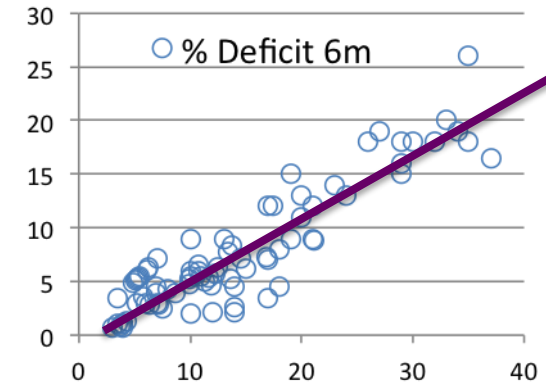


% of Cx Volume excision



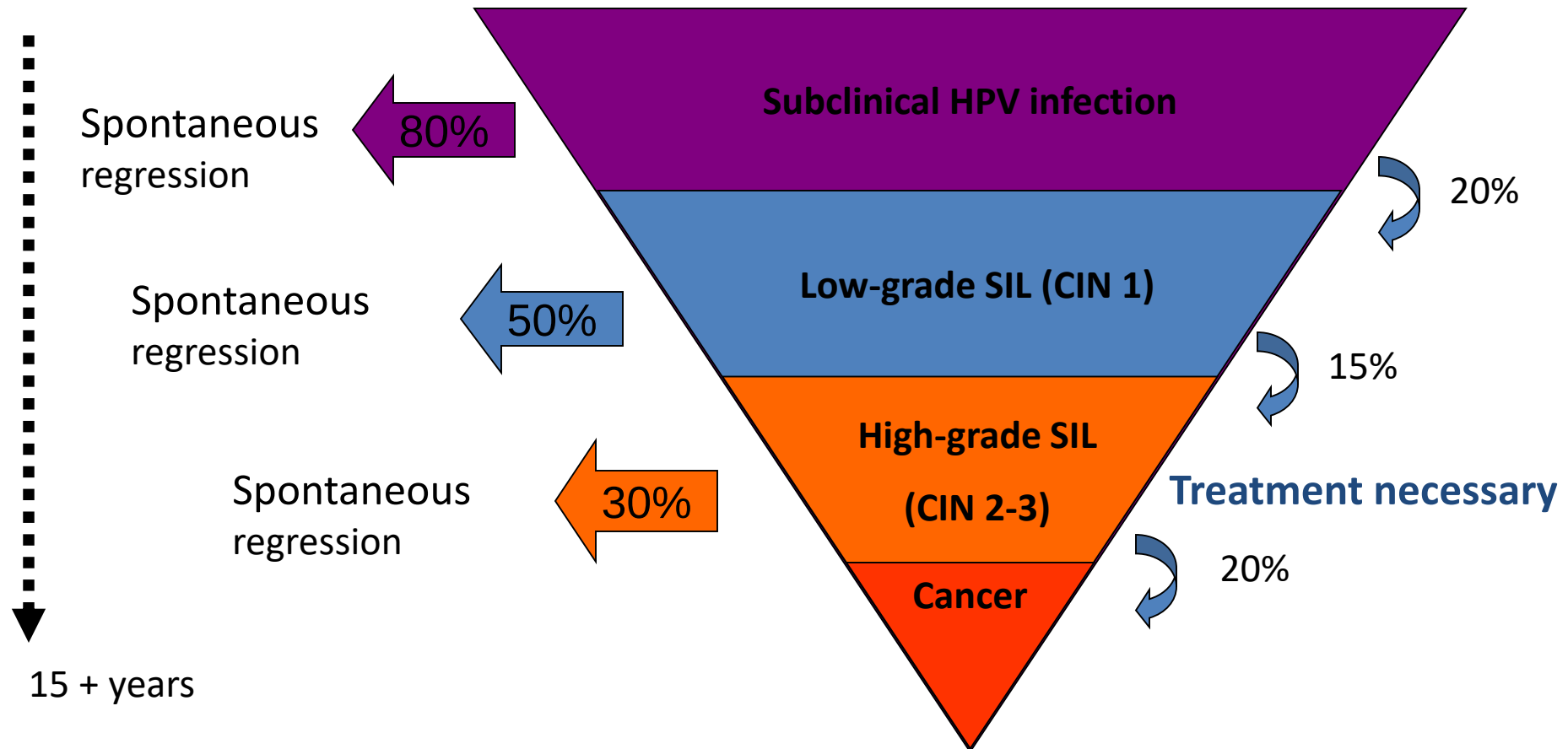
Variation in the Cx V/L & % of excision...

European Group



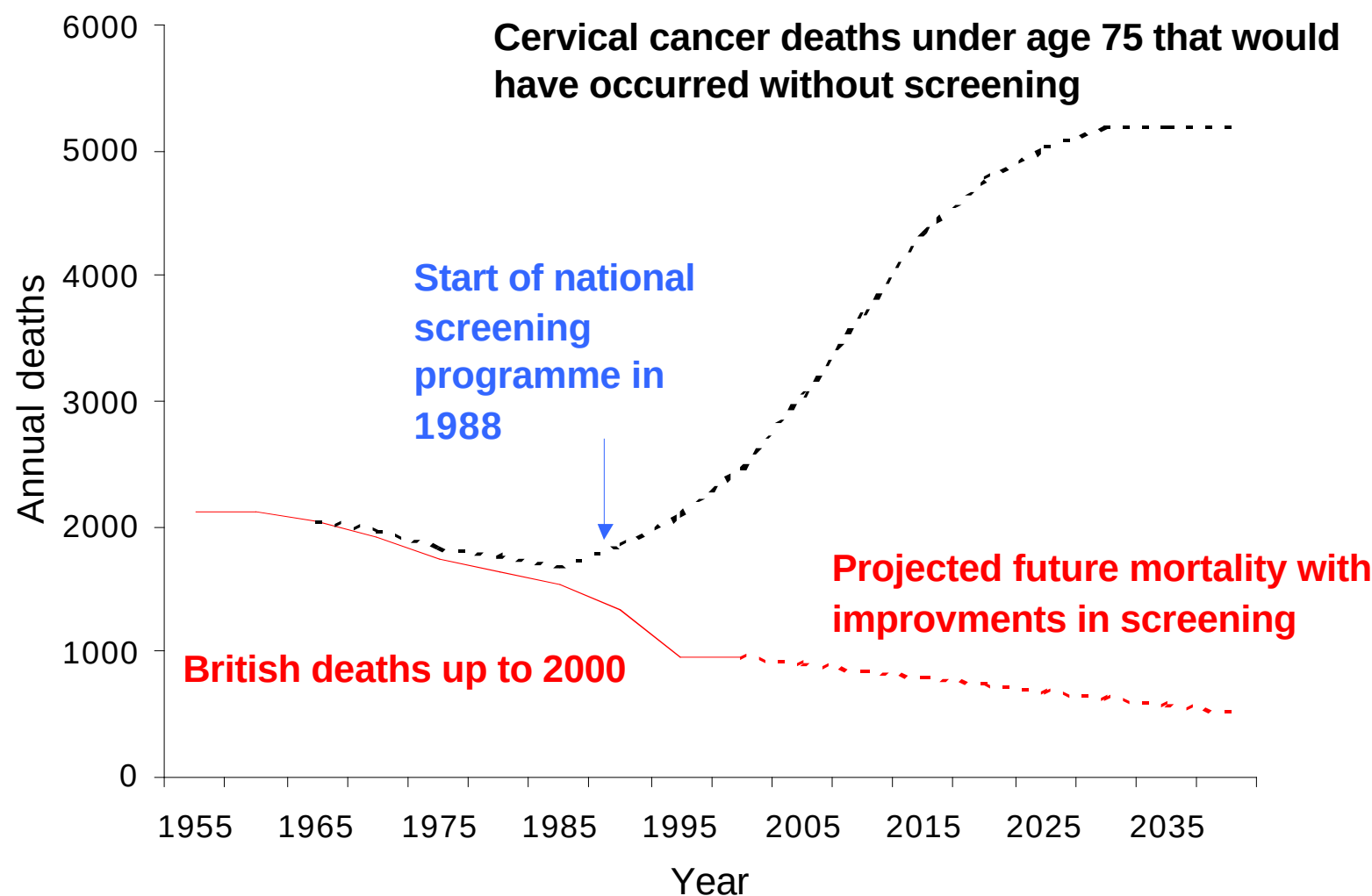
Cx Deficit & perhaps
gestation correlates to
%V excised...

Natural History of HPV infection



*The number of cases (USA data) and percentages in each disease category are estimates.

Reduction in British cervical cancer mortality due to screening





Psychological Morbidity



- TOMBOLA study (Trial of Management of Borderline & Other Low grade Abnormal Smears)
 - women with LG smears report **anxiety levels** similar to those found by other studies in women with HG smears when referred to colposcopy
 - **Young** women suffered more anxiety compared to older women

Complications

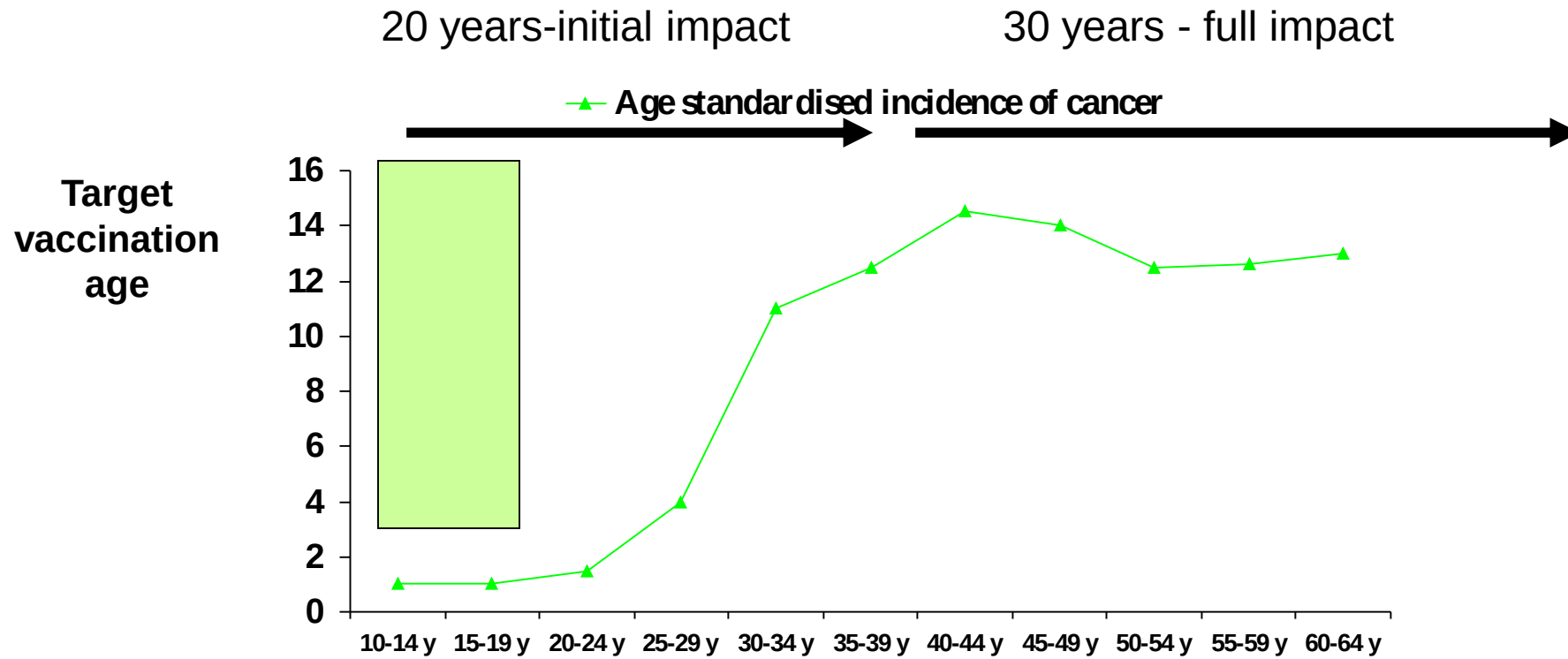
- Short term :
 - Peri-operative pain
 - 1ary haemorrhage: <1%
 - 2ary haemorrhage up to 14d after due to infection
 - Long term :
 - Cervical stenosis
 - Inadequate colposcopy
 - Fertility & obstetric outcomes
- } mainly with CKC
or deep excisions

Obstetric outcomes after conservative treatment for intraepithelial or early invasive cervical lesions: systematic review and meta-analysis

M Kyrgiou, G Koliopoulos, P Martin-Hirsch, M Arbyn, W Prendiville, E Paraskevaidis Lancet 2006; 367: 489-98

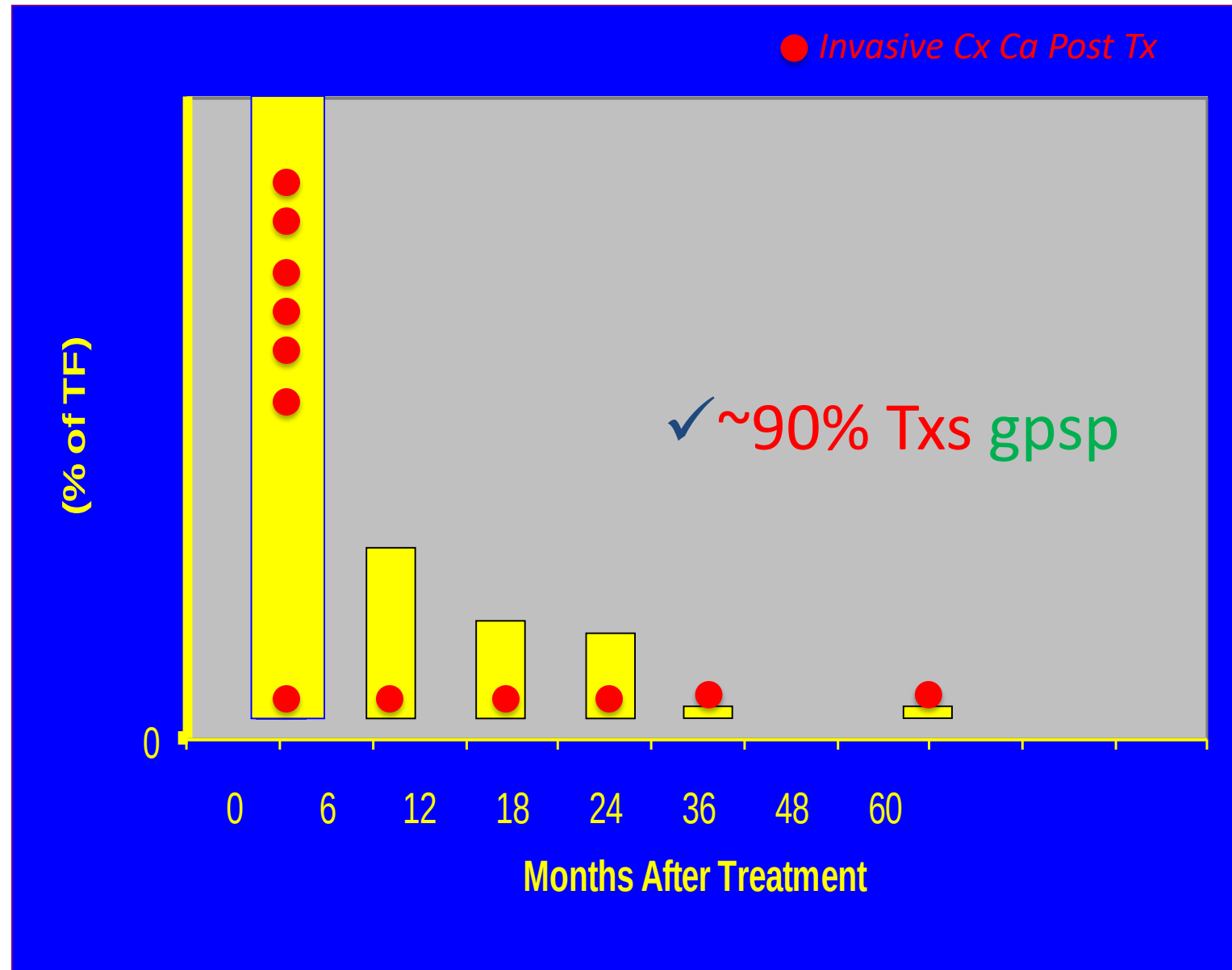
	<i>Studies</i>	<i>% cases</i>	<i>% controls</i>	<i>R.R</i>
LLETZ				
<i>Preterm delivery</i>	8	11%	7%	1.70 (1.24-2.35)
<i>Low birth weight</i>	6	8%	4%	1.82 (1.09-3.06)
Laser cone				
<i>Preterm delivery</i>	6	14%	10%	1.71 (0.93-3.14)
<i>Preterm rupture of membranes</i>	3	15%	6%	2.18 (0.77-6.16)
Knife cone				
<i>Preterm delivery</i>	8	14%	5%	2.59 (1.80-3.72)
<i>Low birth weight</i>	4	12%	7%	2.53 (1.19-5.36)
Laser ablation				
<i>Preterm delivery</i>	3	9%	10%	0.87 (0.63-1.20)

Impact of vaccination on cx cancer



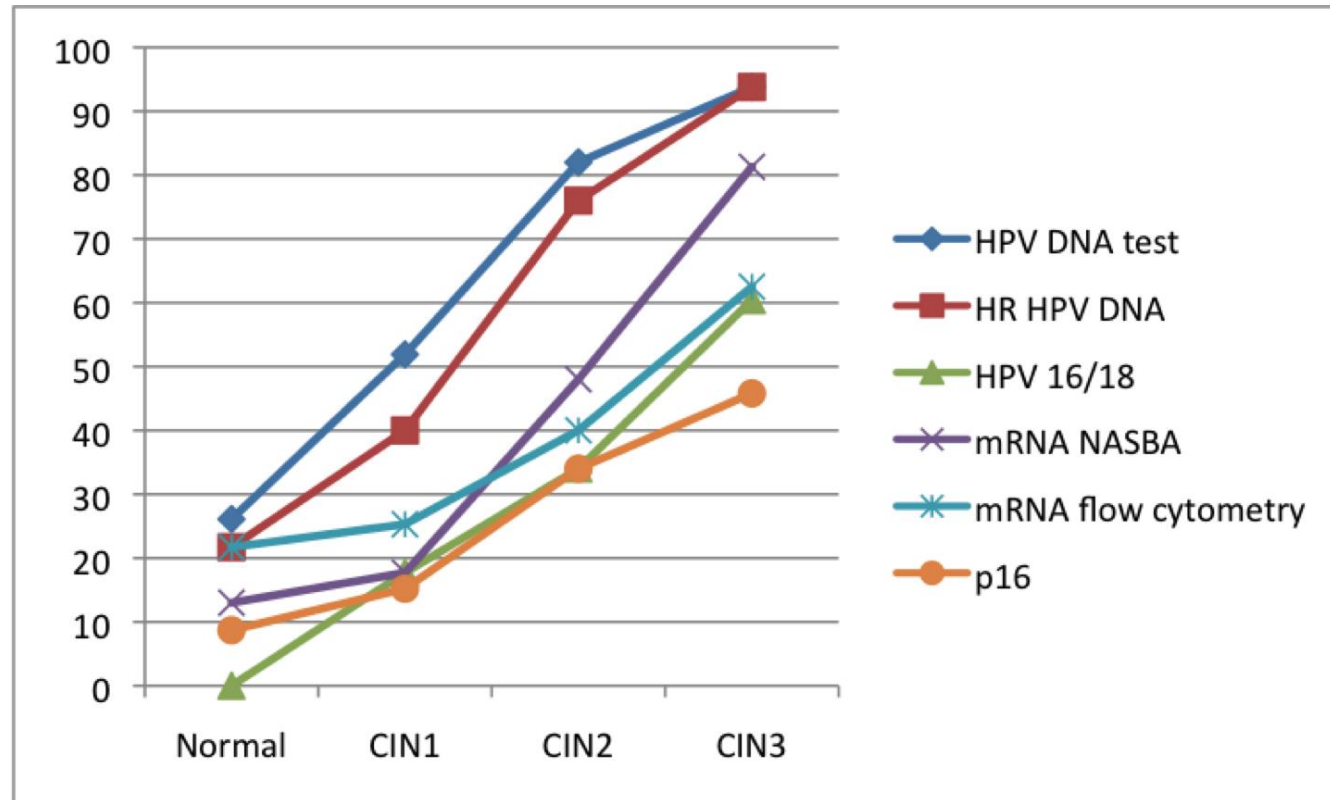
Treatment Failures : ~ 5 - 10% of all Tx

% of TFs identified on each FU visit



HPV-related biomarkers positivity rates before Tx

And CIN Grade at 1st Tx



	BIO-MARKER						
	HPV DNA	HR DNA	HPV 16/18	HPV DNA	NASBA	FLOW	p16
Chi-square (trend)	40.578	49.34	38.88		48.552	9.442	20.062
DF	1	1	1		1	1	1
Significance level	P < 0.0001	P < 0.0001	P < 0.0001		P < 0.0001	P = 0.0021	P < 0.0001

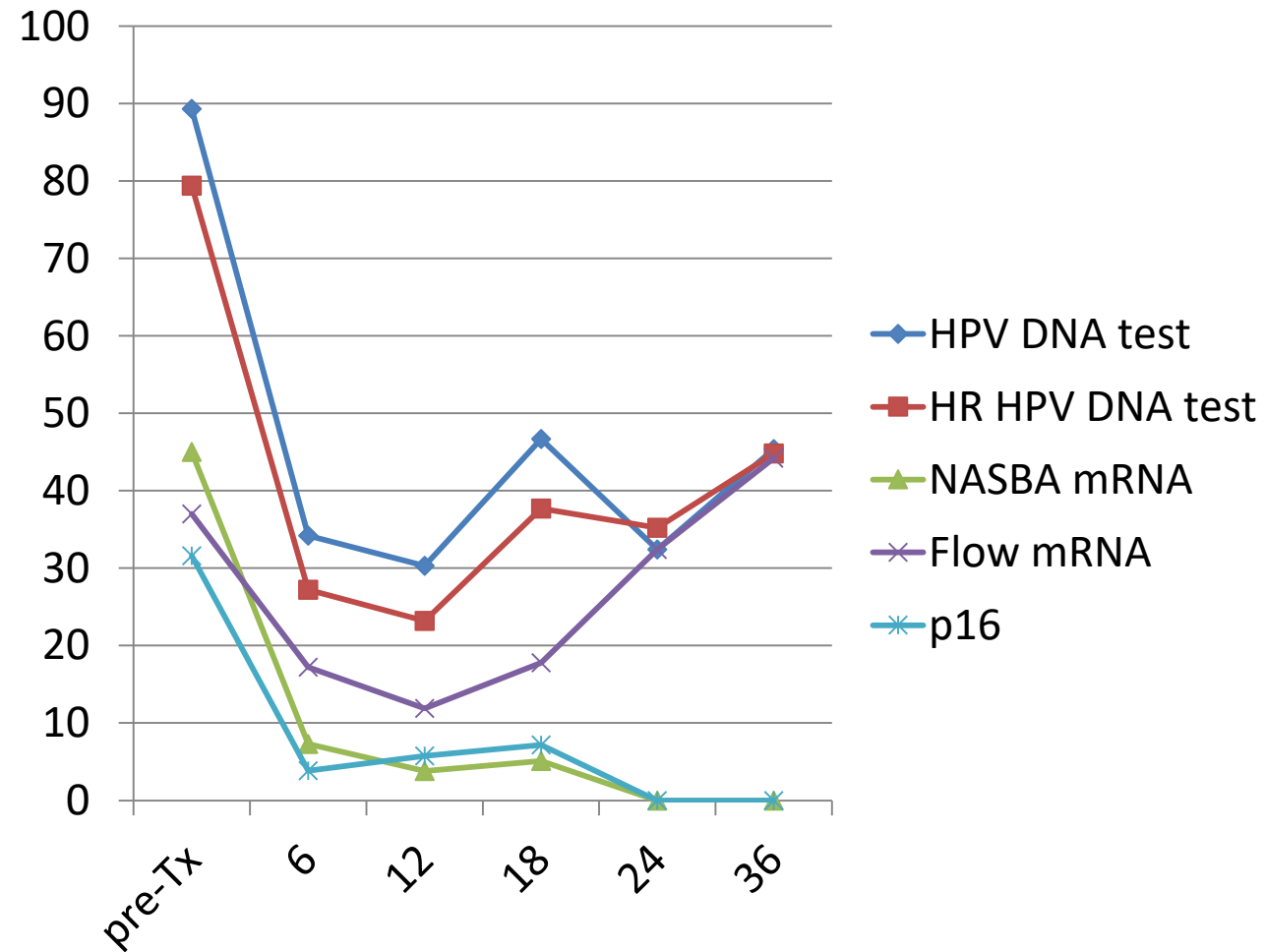


Diagram 1. Biomarkers Positivity Rates at Time Visits

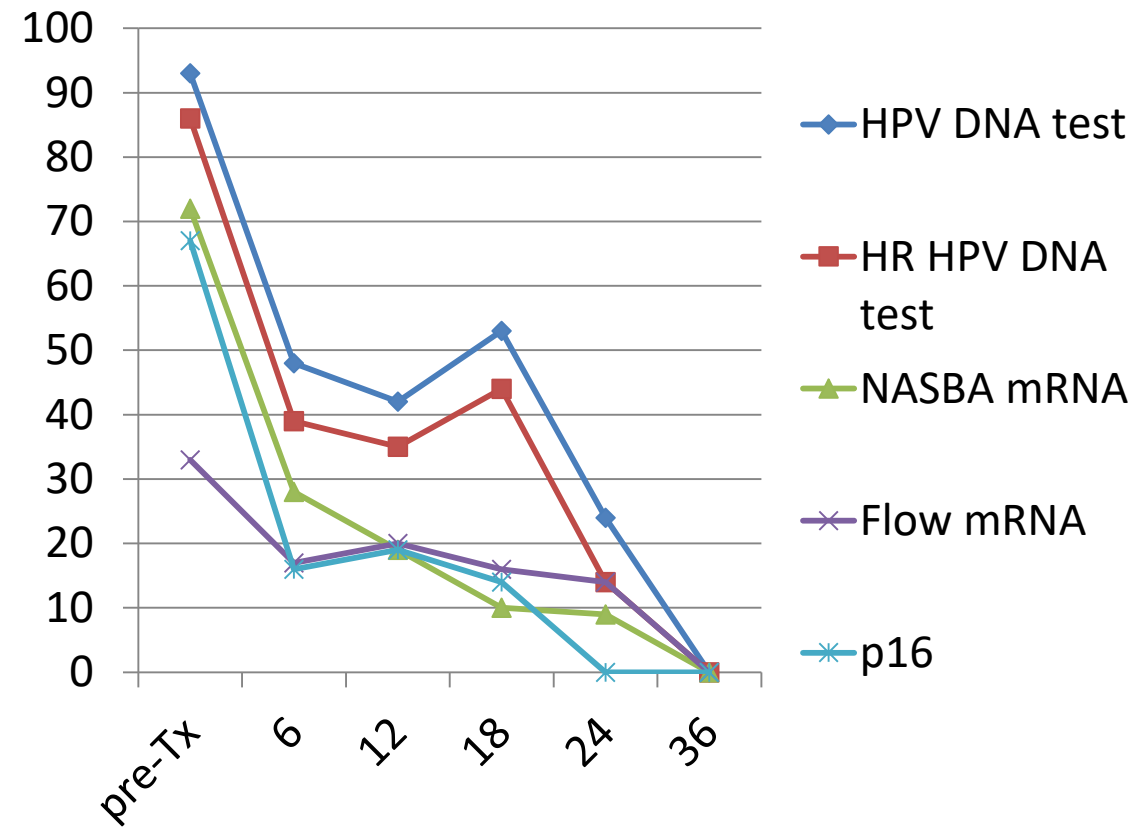
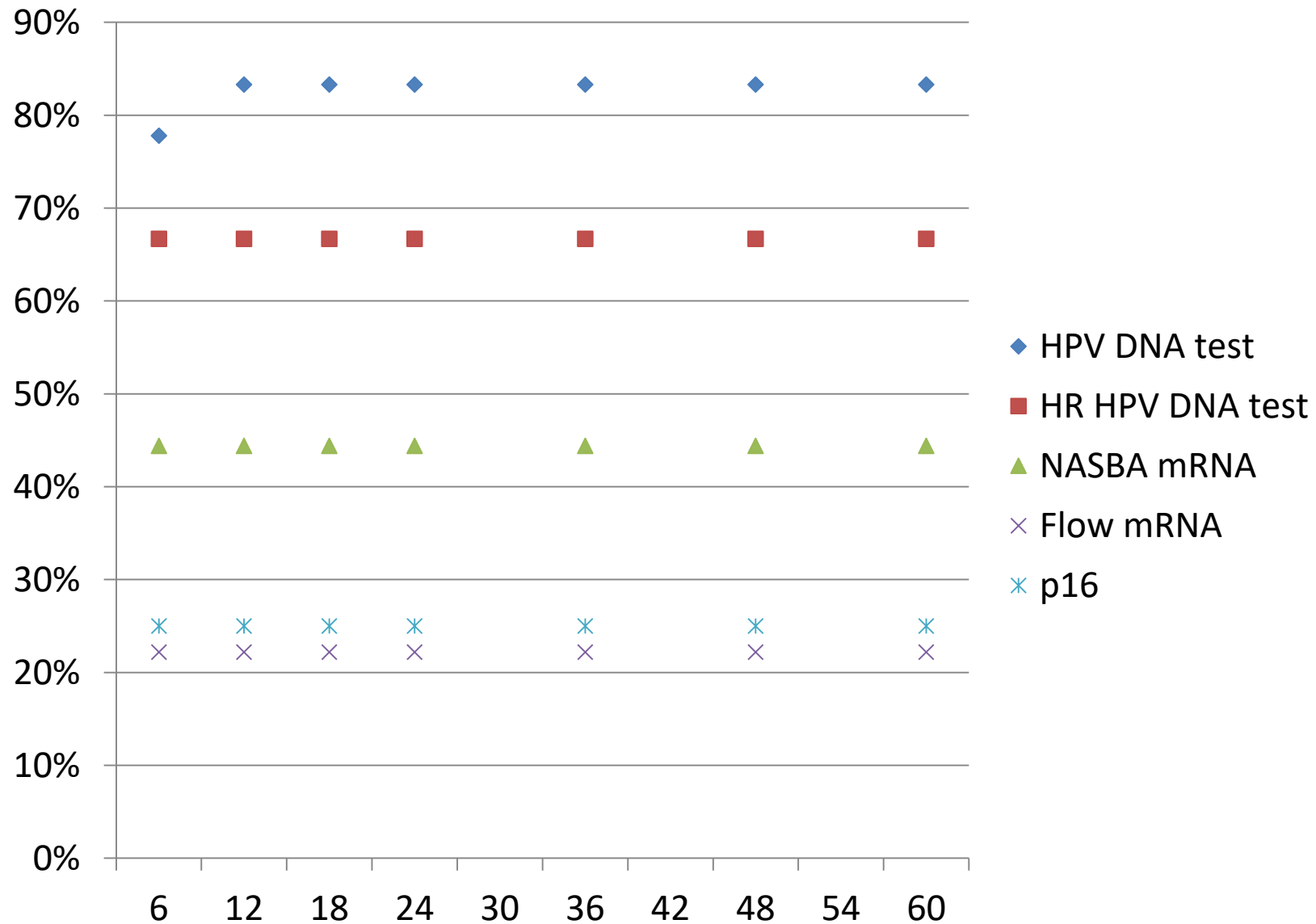
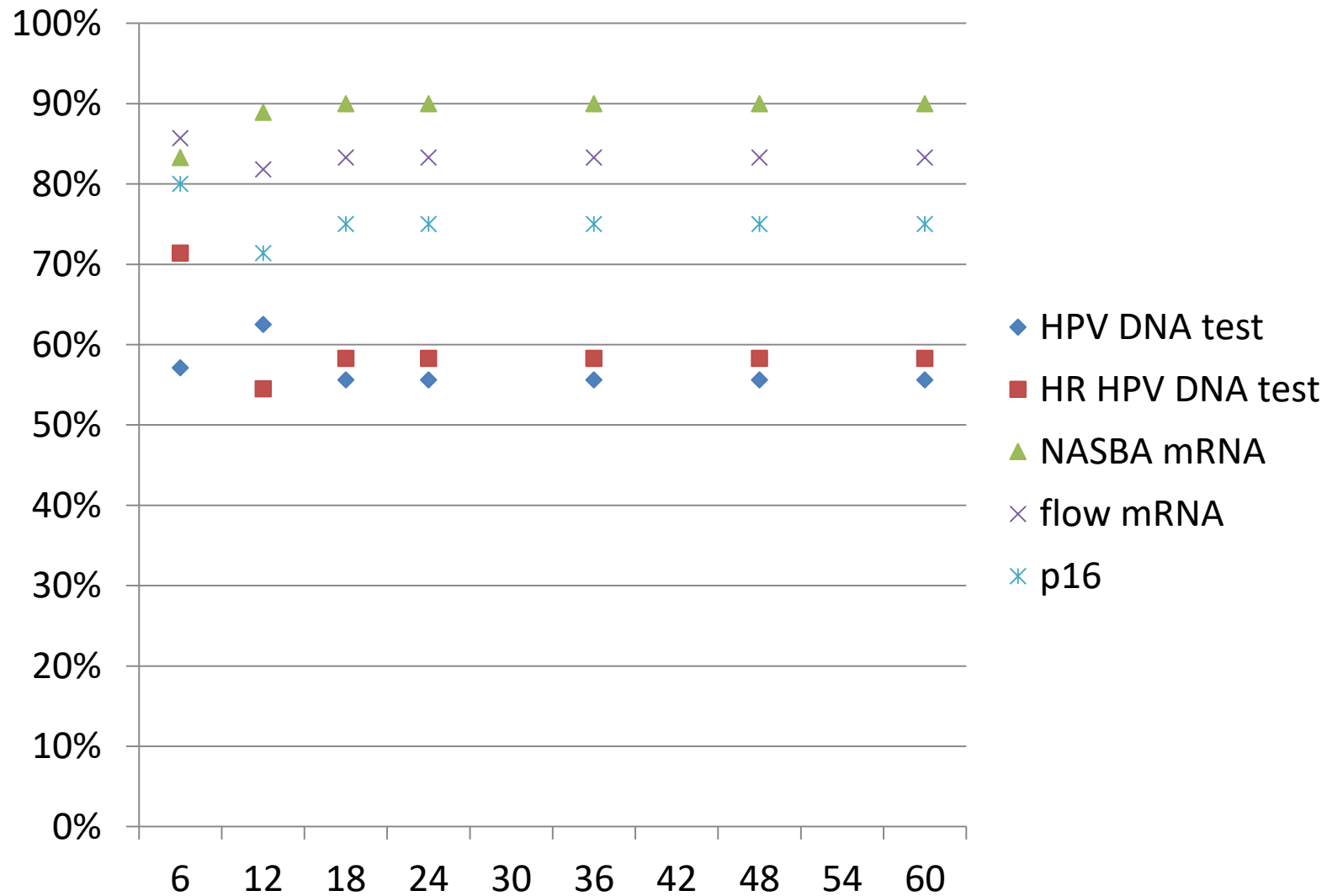


Diagram 2. Biomarkers Positivity Rates at time Visits for Treatment Failure Cases

Sensitivity for each single Biomarker at Post Tx time Visits (CIN 2+)
(Treatment Failure Cases)

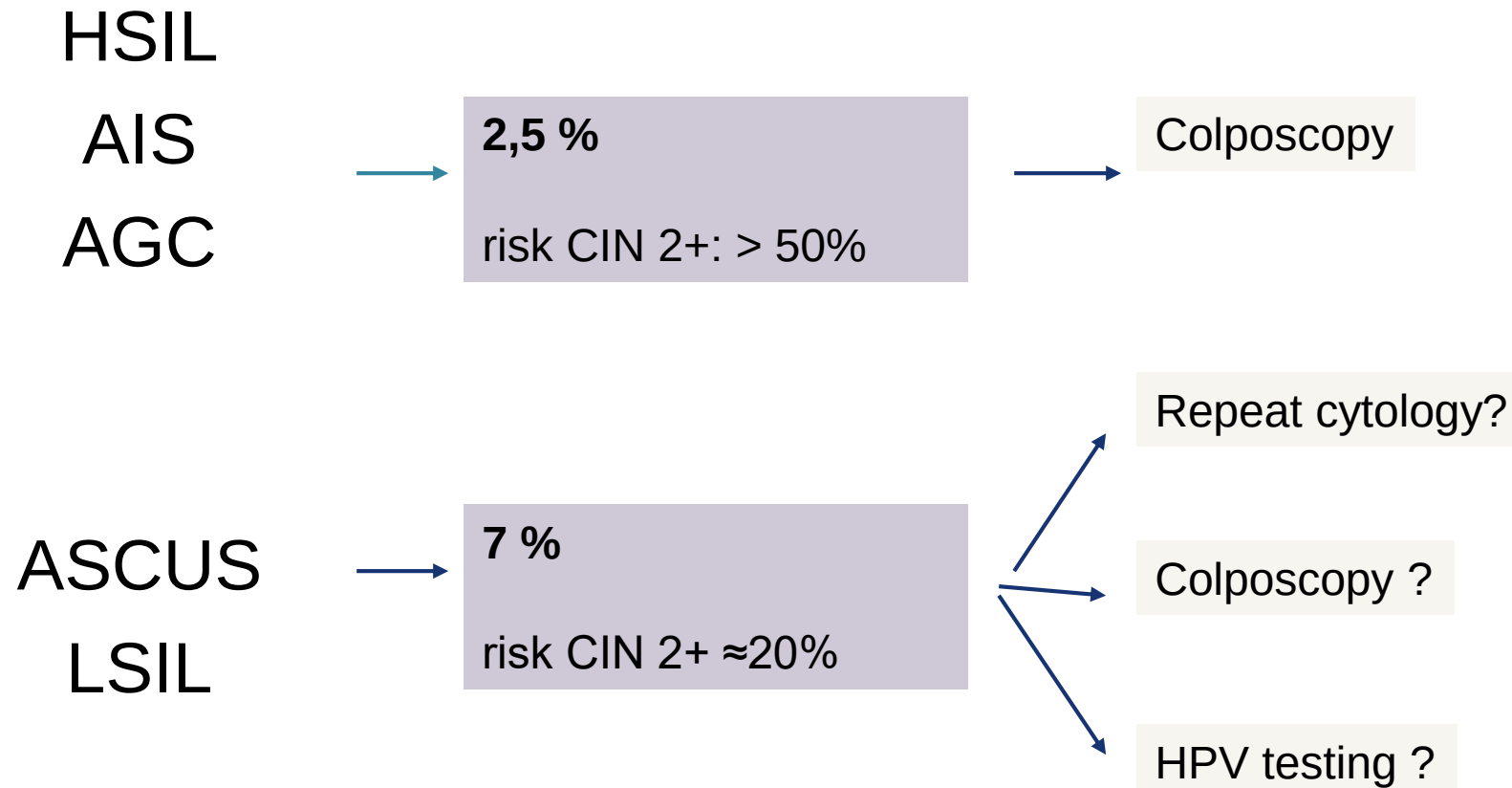


Specificity for each single Biomarker at Post Tx time Visits (CIN 2+)
(Treatment Failure Cases)



Low grade cytology: primary triage

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p16^{INK4a} Immunocytochemistry Versus Human Papillomavirus Testing for Triage of Women With Minor Cytologic Abnormalities

A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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The best method for identifying women who have minor cervical lesions that require diagnostic workup remains unclear. The authors of this report performed a meta-analysis to assess the accuracy of cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A (p16^{INK4a}) immunocytochemistry compared with high-risk human papillomavirus DNA testing with Hybrid Capture 2 (HC2) to detect grade 2 or greater cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN2+) and CIN3+ among women who had cervical cytology indicating atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance (ASC-US) or low-grade cervical lesions (LSIL). A literature search was performed in 3 electronic databases to identify studies that were eligible for this meta-analysis. Seventeen studies were included in the meta-analysis. The pooled sensitivity of p16^{INK4a} to detect CIN2+ was 83.2% (95% confidence interval [CI], 76.8%-88.2%) and 83.8% (95% CI, 73.5%-90.6%) in ASC-US and LSIL cervical cytology, respectively, and the pooled specificities were 71% (95% CI, 65%-76.4%) and 65.7% (95% CI, 54.2%-75.6%), respectively. Eight studies provided both HC2 and p16^{INK4a} triage data. p16^{INK4a} and HC2 had similar sensitivity, and p16^{INK4a} has significantly higher specificity in the triage of women with ASC-US (relative sensitivity, 0.95 [95% CI, 0.89-1.01]; relative specificity, 1.82 [95% CI, 1.57-2.12]). In the triage of LSIL, p16^{INK4a} had significantly lower sensitivity but higher specificity compared with HC2 (relative sensitivity, 0.87 [95% CI, 0.81-0.94]; relative specificity, 2.74 [95% CI, 1.99-3.76]). The published literature indicated the improved accuracy of p16^{INK4a} compared with HC2 testing in the triage of women with ASC-US. In LSIL triage, p16^{INK4a} was more specific but less sensitive. (See related Commentary on pages 00-00, this issue.) *Cancer (Cancer Cytopathol)* 2012;120:294-307. © 2012 American Cancer Society.

KEY WORDS: cervical cancer, cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance, low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, triage, p16^{INK4a}, cytoimmunocytochemistry, human papillomavirus testing, diagnostic accuracy, systematic review.

INTRODUCTION

Cervical cancer is the third most common cancer in women worldwide. It is estimated that, in 2008, approximately 530,000 women developed cervical cancer and that 275,000 died of the disease.¹ A well

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High-risk human papillomavirus DNA test and p16^{INK4a} in the triage of LSIL: A prospective diagnostic study

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ABSTRACT
Objective: The detection of high-grade cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) amongst patients with low-grade cytology (LSIL) is challenging. This study evaluated the role of high-risk HPV (hrHPV) DNA test and p16^{INK4a} immunostaining in identifying women with LSIL cytology at risk of harboring CIN2 or worse (CIN2+) and the role of p16^{INK4a} in the triage of a population of LSIL HPV positive LSIL.
Methods: We conducted a prospective study including women with LSIL cytology. Detection of hrHPV was carried out by means of a polymerase chain reaction based using a p16^{INK4a} immunostaining was performed using the In Situ Cytocytology kit. All patients had colposcopically directed punch biopsies or large loop excision of the transformation zone of the cervix. The endpoint was detection of a biopsy confirmed CIN2+.
Results: A series of 124 women with LSIL cytology were included. hrHPV test had sensitivity 73% and specificity 46% for an estimate of CIN2+ vs p16^{INK4a} had significantly higher specificity of 88% (p < 0.0001) but low sensitivity of 42%. The role of p16^{INK4a} immunostaining in the triage of LSIL positive for hrHPV was also evaluated. p16^{INK4a} stage had 75% positive predictive value (PPV); however, this was not significantly higher than the PPV (54%) of hrHPV test alone (p = 0.4).
Conclusions: The results indicate that hrHPV or p16^{INK4a} cannot be used as solitary markers for the assessment of LSIL. The addition of p16^{INK4a} immunostaining led to an increase in hrHPV specificity; however, the bioreactor needs to be assessed further to establish its role as an adjunct test in the triage of LSIL.
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Introduction
Cervical cytology screening program aims in the early detection and treatment of pre-invasive lesions and, ultimately, in the reduction in both incidence and mortality from cervical cancer. Although it is widely accepted that women with severe cytological abnormalities should be referred immediately for a colposcopic examination or even treatment, there is a significant controversy on the optimum management of low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions (LSIL). LSIL cytology comprises, roughly, 4%–2% of all cervical samples per- formed in England every year [1]. The management of LSIL is challenging because it involves a disproportionate amount of clinical and health resources with its significance still debatable. The majority of LSIL represent minor changes in the cervical cells that are more common in younger women and tend to regress. However, despite a marked low-grade cytological phenotype, a considerable proportion of these women have an underlying high-grade lesion [2].
The current triage options for LSIL are either cytological surveillance or immediate referral to colposcopy or finally triage with high-risk human papillomavirus (hrHPV) DNA test. Each of these options has limitations. There is evidence that a number of women on cy- tological surveillance are downstaging follow-up [3]. Taking into consid- eration that as many as 28% of women with cytologic LSIL harbor cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) grade 2 or 3 [4], these women are at risk of developing high-grade lesions. On the other hand, women referred immediately to colposcopy could be overtreated with potential adverse pregnancy outcomes [5,6]. The TOMBICA multi-center randomized controlled trial showed that, although the detection rate of CIN grade 2 or worse (CIN2+) is higher at baseline for women referred immediately to colposcopy, there is little differ- ence in its cumulative incidence by three years compared to cyto- logical surveillance [7].

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The Evaluation of p16^{INK4a} Immunoexpression/Immunostaining and Human Papillomavirus DNA Test in Cervical Liquid-Based Cytological Samples

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Aims: To evaluate the role of p16^{INK4a} immunoexpression and human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA test for the detection of dysplastic cells in high-risk women.

Materials and Methods: This work was a retrospective diagnostic study conducted in the University Hospital of Thessaloniki from January to December 2008. The subjects were women with current or previous HPV infection and current or previous cervical intraepithelial lesion (with or without treatment) or clinical warts. All liquid-based cytological samples were tested for p16^{INK4a} and HPV DNA test. The accuracy parameters used for the outcome included sensitivity, specificity, and positive predictive value.

Results: A total of 226 women were included; the mean age was 29 years. Expression of p16^{INK4a} was detected in the cytological samples of 13% of the negative cases, 44% of the cases of atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance, 40% of the cases of low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, and 79% of the cases of high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions. A total of 91 women tested positive for high-risk HPV infection, and 54 of these had p16^{INK4a}-positive staining reaction cells. The concordance between the 2 tests, HPV DNA and p16, was 59% regarding infection-positive cases. Diffuse strong perinuclear p16^{INK4a} immunostaining (nuclear score > 2) was observed in 17 cases of the abnormal cytological findings (atypical squamous cells of undetermined significance, 2 cases; low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, 8 cases; high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions, 7 cases). Colposcopy-directed biopsies were used as the criterion standard for the detection of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia in 91 women. The sensitivity of p16^{INK4a} was 95% and the specificity was 70%, whereas the sensitivity of high-risk HPV was 100% and the specificity was 70%. The positive predictive value of p16^{INK4a} was 71%, whereas that of HPV DNA was 44%.

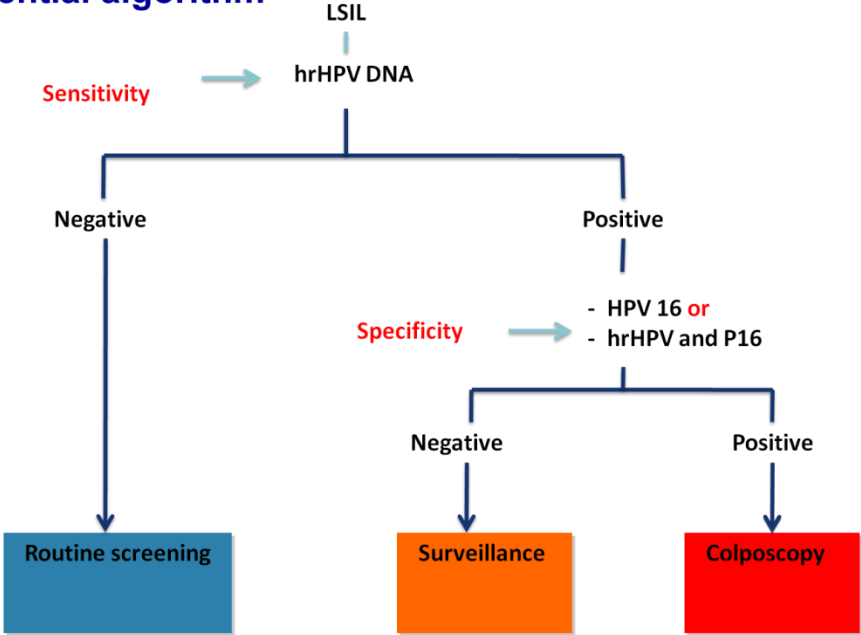
Conclusions: The findings suggest that p16^{INK4a} immunostaining can improve the ac- curacy of cytological examination and HPV DNA test and may be particularly useful in the triage of low-grade lesions.

Key Words: HPV DNA test, Cervical intraepithelial lesion, Cervical cancer, p16^{INK4a} immunoexpression, Liquid-based cytology

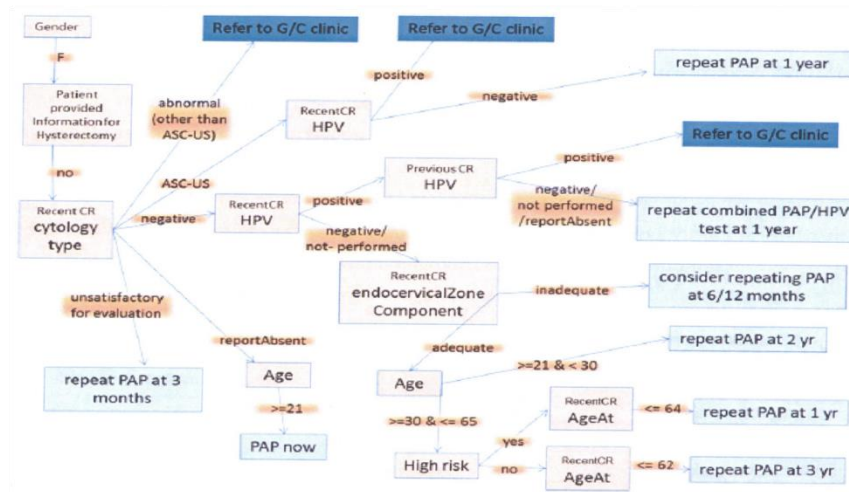
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Potential algorithm

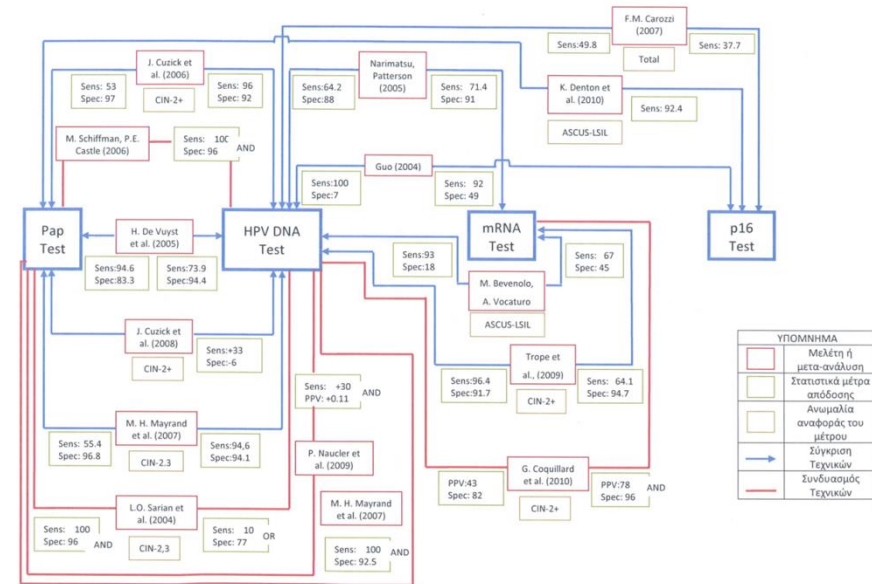


Suggested work flow

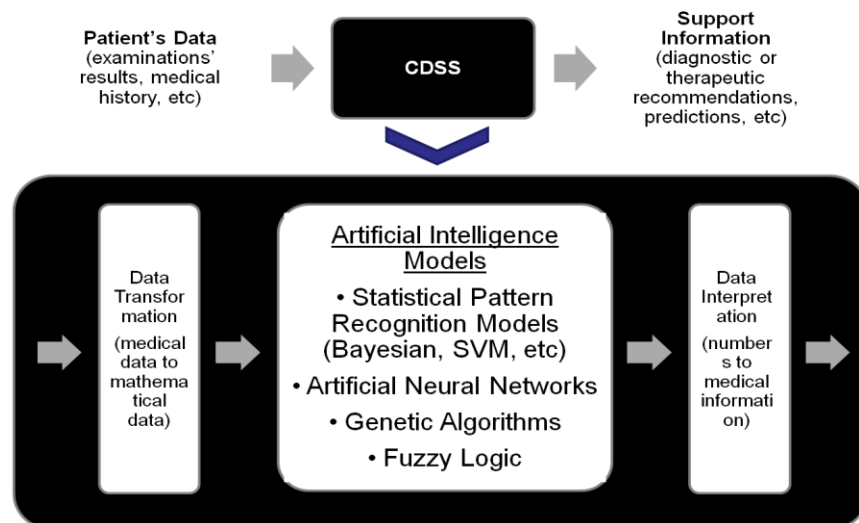


Flowchart of the rules of a model produced by automated text processing
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